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Town Officers

Moderator

Walter F. St. Clair - 1984

Representatives to the General Court

Richardson D. Benton - 1984

Harry E. Flanders - 1984

William Gregorio - 1984

Selectmen

Percival M. Lowell, Jr. - 1983

Albert W. Hamel - 1984

Malcolm R. Stone - 1985

Town Clerk

Barbara L. Gagnon - 1984

Town Treasurer

Helen G. Tebo - 1984

Tax Collector

Barbara L. Gagnon - 1983

Road Agent

Clarence Ware - 1983

Chief of Police

Frank A. Wise, Jr. - 1983

Police Officers

Gene Charron Linda Child

George Groce

Tom Robinson

Edward Dauphinais

Dorothy Lee Robert Nicoll, Special Helen LoPresti

Officer-Polls

Dog Officer

Helen LoPresti

Health Officer

Darrell Quinn

Supervisors of the Checklist

Maurice Colman - 1984

Ernest Edwards - 1986

Jacob Bethune - 1988

Trustees of the Trust Funds

Beverly Child - 1983

James Coburn - 1984

Bette Benton - 1985

Library Trustees

Rhoda Murphy - 1983

Mary Jean Colburn - 1984 Lois Hazelton - 1985

Great Hill Cemetery Trustees

Ernest S. Edwards - 1983 Maurice Colman - 1984

Jacob Bethune - 1985 John Colman - 1986

Llewellyn Herrick - 1987

Village Cemetery Trustees

Albert Warren - 1983

Josef Vaal - 1984 Wayne Towle - 1985

Trustees of Wilcomb Townsend Home Fund

Ruth Monish - 1983 Byron Mills - 1985 John West - 1986 Lois Hazelton - 1987

Town Auditors

Ross S. Catizone - 1983

John Kunelius - 1984 Steven Ross - 1985

Director of Civil Defense

Lindsey Rice

Overseer of Welfare

Malcolm R. Stone

Librarian

Arlene Delorey

Chester Volunteer Fire Department

Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr., Chief

Forest Fire Warden

Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr.

Budget Advisory Committee

Richard Spencer - 1984 Stephen Bergeron - 1984

Janet Larkin - 1985 Leonard Gallant - 1986

Robert Dolloff - 1986

Planning Board

Peter Hyatt, Chairman - 1983

Charles Ryan - 1983 Denis Maloney - 1984

Leroy Noyes - 1984 John Spencer - 1985

Raymond Anderson - 1985

Stephen Landau, Alternate - 1985

Frances Flanders, Secretary/Alternate

Malcolm R. Stone, Selectmen, Ex Officio

Zoning Board

Joseph H. Batjer, Chairman - 1983

Constance Wiggin - 1984 David Graham - 1985 Nicholas Mathios - 1986 Robert Buelte - 1987

Deborah Healey, Secretary/Alternate

Conservation Commission

Daniel B. Cole, Chairman - 1984

Barbara Rice - 1983 Julio Aramini - 1983

Eugene Tenney - 1984 Luther Grimes - 1985

Malcolm R. Stone, Ex Officio - 1983

Edwards Mill Trustees

Joseph H. Batjer, Chairman

James W. Towle, Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Child, Secretary Edward Sargent, Project Director Leonard A. Gallant, Treasurer

Honorary Appointments

Inspector of Grist Mills, Factories and Sawmills
Ernest S. Edwards

Sealer of Weights and Measures

John A. West Philip Menard, Sr.

Inspector of Bounds, Claims and Titles

Robert Dolloff Clifton D. Holman

Weigher of Grain and Measurer of Hay and Provender Llewellyn Herrick Robert Healey

Town Historians

Evelyn Noyes Joan Watts

Surveyer of Wood, Bark and Lumber

Albert Warren James W. Towle, Sr.

Daniel Paris

Inspector of Farms and Firesides

George Goldsmith Richard Wiggin

Keeper of the Town Pound

Arthur Dolloff Fred Hicks

Keeper of the Jacob Chase Horse Block Robert Nicoll

Consulting Engineer and Maintenance Supervisor of the Town Chronometer

Bernard Priest

Town of Chester Financial Report For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1982

Assets

Cash: All funds in custody of treasurer Total	\$265,023.10	\$265,023.10
Capital Reserve Funds: Fire Truck Total	24,507.12	24,507.12
Unredeemed Taxes: Levy of 1981 Levy of 1980 Levy of 1979 Previous Years Total	34,795.84 14,145.82 1,336.45 14.38	50,292.49
Uncollected Taxes: Levy of 1981 including Resident Taxes Levy of 1980 Levy of 1979 Total	3,375.70 790.00 210.00	4,375.70
Total Assets		\$344,198.41
Fund Balance - June 30, 1981 Fund Balance - June 30, 1982 Change in Financial Condition	\$110,836.72 24,669.19 86,167.53	
Liabilitie	s	
Accounts Owed by Town: Unexpended Balances of Bond & Note Funds (Post Office) Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow acct.) 1982 Property Taxes Collected in Advance	\$11,239.90 32,418.35 1,669.00 249,694.85	
Total Accounts Owed by Town	2 10,0000	\$295,022.10
Capital Reserve Funds: Fire Truck Total Capital Reserve Funds Total Liabilities Fund Balance - Current Surplus	24,507.12	24,507.12 319,529.22 24,669.19
Grand Total		\$344,198.41

Receipts

Current Revenue:

From Local Taxes: (Collected and

Remitted to Treasurer) \$846,321.47

(See audit report for detail)

Total Taxes Collected & Remitted \$846,321.47

From State:

Meals & Rooms Tax	\$10,148.44
Interest & Dividends Tax	18,942.87
Savings Bank Tax	8,744.14
Highway Subsidy	13,725.49
Business Profits Tax	31,800.17
Crossing Guard reimbursement	102.98
Fire Warden Training	

reimbursement 86.46
Total Receipts from State 83,550.55

From Local Sources, except taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits Fees	\$ 63,867.00
Dog Licenses	1,441.49
Business Licenses, Permits and	•
filing fees	8.00
Canine Control	25.00
Rent of Town Property	7,715.00
Interest Received on Deposits	40,040.18
Income From Trust Funds	
(Cemetery)	2,560.06
Planning & Zoning	564.95
Miscellaneous	35.75
Building Permits	1,180.00
Ambulance Reimbursement	807.15
Other income from local sources	199.42

Total Income from Local Sources 118,444.00

Receipts Other than Current Revenues Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes \$200,000,00

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Insurance Reimbursements	374.30
Refunds	316.96
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve	7,982.52
Funds	
Sale of Town Property	705.00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	1,669.00
Voided checks issued 1980-81	93.88
Other Receipts Not Current Revenue	
(Cartificates of Danasit)	EEO 000 00

(Certificates of Deposit) 550,000.00
Total Receipts Other than Current 761,141.66

Revenue

Grants from Federal Government:

Revenue Sharing \$ 18,000.00

Total Grants from Federal Govmt. 18,000.00

Total Receipts from All Sources 1,827,457.68

Cash on hand July 1, 1981

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Grand Total \$2,204,484.54

377,026.86

5,500.00

Payments

Current Maintenance Expenses: General Government: Town Officers' salaries Town Officers' expenses Election and Registration Expenses Town Hall and Other Bldg. Exp. Reappraisal of property Post Office Maintenance Exp. Total General Governmental Exp.	\$9,820.03 13,111.55 1,238.63 9,278.14 2,092.50 753.76	\$ 36,294.61
Protection of Persons Property: Police Department Fire Department Inc. Forest Fires Planning and Zoning Animal Control Insurance Civil Defense Conservation Commission Crossing Guard Total Protection of Persons & Prop.	\$27,301.82 18,599.57 2,018.59 841.42 10,900.50 40.00 200.60 1,280.54	61,183.04
Health: Health Dept. \$ 150.00 Derry Visiting Nurse Assn. 3,638.00 Ambulance 11,377.80 Vital Statistics Town Dump and Garbage Removal Mental Health Total Health Expenses	15,165.80 50.00 13,953.89 1,809.90	30,979.59
Highways and Bridges: Town Road Aid Town Maintenance Street Lighting General Expenses of Highway Dept Total Highways and Bridges Exp.	797.54 77,286.29 1,471.77 2,068.54	81,624.14

Public Welfare:

Libraries: Library

Town Poor Old Age Assistance Total Public Welfare Expenses	740.54 6,569.62	7,310.16
Patriotic Purposes: Memorial Day Total Patriotic Purpose Exp.	150.00	150.00
Recreations: Parks and Playgrounds Total Recreational Expenses	1,328.00	1,328.00
Public Service Enterprises: Building Inspector Cemeteries Total Public Service Enterprise E	439.00 2,560.06 xp.	2,999.06
Unclassified: Damages and Legal Expenses Southern N.H. Planning Commission Taxes brought by Town Discounts, Abatements and Refunds Purchase of Certs. of Deposit Total Unclassifed Expenses	3,748.58 703.85 70,729.34 4,286.38 550,000.00	629,468.15
Debt Services: Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes Principal and Interest on Long Term Notes - Post Office Interest on Temporary Loans Total Debt Service Payments	\$200,000.00 5,716.56 7,522.50	\$213,239.06
Capital Outlay: Payment to Capital Reserve Fund: Cruiser Fire Truck Town Hall Lavatories New Cruiser Total Capital Outlay Payments	\$3,000.00 5,000.00 7,500.00 9,835.62	25,335.62
Payments to Other Governmental Payments to State a/c Dog License Fees	\$ 140.00	
Taxes paid to County Payments to School District Total Payments to Other Govmt. Division	56,110.01 787,800.00	844,050.01
Total Payments for all Purposes Cash on hand June 30, 1982		1,939,461.44 265,023.10
Grand Total		\$2,204,484.54

REPORT ON EXAMINATION

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JOAN WATTS - TAX COLLECTOR

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1980 THRU APRIL 13, 1982

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Lloyd A. Price Commissioner

State of New Hampshire Bepartment of Revenue Administration

61 South Spring Street PO Box 457 Concord, 03301

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE
Director

LORRAINE F. RACETTE Assistant Director

May 4, 1982

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Board of Selectmen Town of Chester Chester, N. H. 03036

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of Joan Watts, Tax Collector of the Town of Chester which was made by this division at your request under the provisions of RSA 41:42. This examination covered the periods from July 1, 1980 through April 13, 1982.

One of the enclosed audit reports must be given to the Town Clerk to be retained as part of the permanent town records.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Duties of Tax Collector

RSA 41:35 states in part. "Every collector of taxes shall keep in suitable books a fair and correct account in detail of the taxes due, collected, and abated, and of all property sold for non-payment of taxes, which shall be public records. A tax collector shall pay all the money collected to the town treasurer at least on a weekly basis, or on a daily basis at the discretion of the commissioner of revenue administration. Such daily or weekly payments may be deferred until the tax receipts total \$500.00.------

Remittances To Treasurer

During the period audited the tax collector did not comply with the statutory requirement of making weekly remittances to the town treasurer. In some instances, the reports of collected taxes submitted by the collector to the treasurer did not properly segregate regular tax payments and tax sale redemptions.

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Unidentified Receipts

As indicated in Exhibit 3, for the period ended April 13, 1982 the tax collector remitted "unidentified receipts" totaling \$4,987.79 to the town treasurer. The source of these monies could not be traced by reference to any of the collector's records.

Apparently, these funds represent tax payments received by the tax collector, but not recorded either in the cash book or the tax warrants and tax sale records.

Consequently, the amount of uncollected and unredeemed taxes at April 13, 1982 as stated in the accompanying Exhibits may be overstated by the principal amount of taxes, if any, which make up this sum.

Excess Debits (Credits)

As indicated in Exhibits 1, 3 and 4, the collector's tax warrant lists and tax sale records reflected net excess credits of \$1,917.94 for the periods July 1, 1980 through April 13, 1982, as summarized below:

	Exhibit 1	Exhibit 3	Exhibit 4	Totals
Unidentified Receipts 1981 Property Taxes 1981 Resident Taxes 1980 Property Taxes 1980 Resident Taxes 1980 Unredeemed Taxes 1979 Unredeemed Taxes	\$ 67.74 70.00 77.35 20.00	(\$4,987.89) 1,355.70 300.00 (45.40) (40.00)	\$ 200.00	(\$4,987.89) 1,423.44 370.00 31.95 (20.00) 200.00
Interest & Costs			1,064.56	1,064.56
	\$235.09	(\$3,417.59)	\$1,264.56	(\$1,917.94)
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Excess debits and credits generally represent unaccounted for variances between amounts chargeable to the collector for committed taxes, tax liens purchased by the Town, plus collections of interest, costs and penalties, and verified amounts credited to the collector on account of remittances to the treasurer, discounts allowed, abatements and uncollected taxes.

Generally, such variances arise as a result of posting errors made as collections are posted from the cash book to tax lists and tax sale records or when payments are posted directly to those records and not recorded in the cash book.

Tax Sale Records - 1980 Tax Levy

The tax sale records for the tax levy of 1980 showed the town as the purchaser of tax liens for several properties advertised in the statutory notice of tax sale but not actually sold to the town since the delinquent taxes in question were paid prior to the sale.

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In some other instances, tax liens for this tax levy were sold to the Town for less than the amount of delinquent taxes due by the property owners. This left the Town without tax sale liens on the amount of unpaid taxes not properly included in the tax sale.

The report of tax sale filed with the Rockingham County Register of Deeds for this tax sale reflected a total tax sale amount of \$463.45 less than the amount actually paid the town.

Tax Deeds

Our review of the tax sale records for the levy of 1978 revealed that tax deeds were not executed to the Town by the collector on all properties after the statutory two-year redemption period expired.

In some other cases where the tax deeds were issued, the tax sale records were not appropriately marked.

It is the responsibility of the tax collector to execute tax deeds within a reasonable period of time after the expiration of the statutory redemption period. Likewise, the collector should make an appropriate entry in the tax sale records disclosing the execution of tax deeds.

Costs After Tax Sales

In the case of tax liens sold to purchasers other than the town, the collector did not collect the statutory costs after tax sale in all instances. Furthermore, when these costs were collected, they were remitted to the town treasurer rather than to the purchasers affected and the selectmen were not instructed to pay such costs over to the persons entitled thereto.

Tax Overpayments

The tax collector refunded tax overpayments directly to taxpayers. We are not aware of any statute authorizing such a practice.

In this regard, RSA 41:35 stipulates that "a tax collector shall pay all money collected to the town treasurer at least on a weekly basis,----"

Accordingly, all monies collected by the collector should be remitted intact to the town treasurer. Tax overpayments should be refunded by that official, upon order of the board of selectmen after proper notice by the collector.

1981 Tax Warrant and Tax Bills a/c Second Installment

The amount of the original tax warrant supporting the tax lists for the final installment of the 1981 property taxes was incorrectly stated in that it did not reflect credits which resulted in those cases where the total taxes assessed for the year were less than the amounts committed in the first tax warrant issued earlier in the year.

This situation was further complicated when in mailing the final tax bills for the year the collector applied the resulting credits against the gross taxes assessed for the year in such cases rather than against the amount

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of the first tax installment committed. In effect, the application of the credits involved in this manner resulted in the duplication of credits and the understatement of taxes due by the property owners.

As far as we were able to determine, appropriate corrections of the tax warrant and the tax bills were eventually made to the end that all taxpayers were assessed their correct individual taxes for 1981.

Other

- . During the period July 1, 1981 through April 13, 1982 forty (40) tax payments involving approximately \$14,000 were recorded in the cash book but not posted to the tax lists.
- In many instances the collector recorded the day and month of payment in the tax lists and tax sale records, but did not indicate the year of the payments.
- . A number of postings were recorded in pencil rather than in ink in the tax lists and tax sale records.
- . Several items recorded as abatements in the tax warrants were not supported by written abatements from the selectmen. Consequently, we did not recognize such items as valid abatements in this report.

It should be noted that a letter of this type is critical in nature and that we do not intend to imply that our review failed to disclose commendable features in the accounting and operating procedures of the Tax Collector.

Publication Requirement

The provisions of Chapter 71-a, Section 21, require that the auditor's summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials and employees of the Town of Chester for their assistance during the course of our audit.

Respectfully submitted,

Municipal Services Division

Department of Revenue Administration



Clayd A. Price Commissioner

State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

61 South Spring Street PO Box 457 Concord, 03301

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE Director

LORRAINE F. RACETTE

AUDITOR'S OPINION

Board of Selectmen Town of Chester Chester, N. H. 03036

We have examined the Summary of Warrant and Record of Tax Sale Activity of Joan Watts, Tax Collector of the Town of Chester for the periods July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981 and July 1, 1981 through April 13, 1982. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such test of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned summary schedules present fairly the activities of the tax collector of the Town of Chester for the periods from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981 and from July 1, 1981 through April 13, 1982 in accordance with RSA 41:35 of the Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

May 4, 1982

EXHIBIT 1 TOWN OF CHESTER Joan Watts - Tax Collector Summary of Warrants For The Period July 1, 1980 Thru June 30, 1981

		Levies of			
DR.		1981	1980	1979	1978
Uncollected Taxes - Property Taxes Resident Taxes	July 1, 1980:	\$	\$126,692.61 6,130.00	\$11,243.43 340.00	\$616.41
Taxes Committed to Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	Collector:	405,781.11 12,320.00	392,954.98 3,458.16		
Added Taxes: Property Taxes Resident Taxes		210.00	12.80 1,190.00		10.00
Interest and Costs Penalties		5.78	3,162.12 144.00	.57 14.00	1.00
		\$418,316.89	\$533,744.67	\$11,598.00	\$627.41

Accounting Policy - The Summary of Warrants is prepared on the accrual basis.

EXHIBIT 1 (Continued) TOWN OF CHESTER Joan Watts - Tax Collector Summary of Warrants For The Period July 1, 1980 Thru June 30, 1981

CR.	1981	1 980	1 97 9	1978
Remittances to Treasurer: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	\$286,233.49 6,260.00	\$459,593.43 6,410.00 911.91	\$ 35.93 130.00	\$ 10.00
Interest and Costs Penalties	5.78	3,162.12 144.00	.57 14.00	1.00
Discounts Allowed	1,854.44			
Abatements: Property Taxes	506.00			
Uncollected Taxes - June 30, 1981: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	117,119.44 6,200.00	59,989.61 890.00 2,546.25	11,207.50 210.00	616.41
	\$418,179.15	\$533,647.32	\$11,598.00	\$627.41
Add: Excess Debits: a/c Property Taxes a/c Resident Taxes	67.74 70.00	77.35 20.00		
	\$418,316.89	\$533,744.67	\$11,598.00	\$627.41

 $\label{prop:counting} \mbox{ Accounting Policy - The Summary of Warrants is prepared on the accrual basis.}$

EXHIBIT 2 TOWN OF CHESTER Joan Watts - Tax Collector Summary of Tax Sale Accounts For The Period July 1, 1980 Thru June 30, 1981

DR.	1 97 9	Levies of 1978	1977
Unredeemed Taxes - July 1, 1980	\$24,822.41	\$6,096.51	\$286.35
Interest and Costs After Sale	625.06	1,057.79	
	\$25,447.47	\$7,154.30	\$286.35
CR. Remittances to Treasurer: Redemptions Interest and Costs	\$ 7,755.86 625.06	\$4,992.45 1,057.79	\$
Deeded to Town		19.98	286.35
Unredeemed Taxes - June 30, 1981	17,066.55	1,084.08	
	\$25,447.47	\$7,154.30	\$286.35

Accounting Policy - The Summary of Tax Sale Accounts is prepared on the accrual basis.

EXHIBIT 3 TOWN OF CHESTER JOAN WATTS, TAX COLLECTOR SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1981 THRU APRIL 13, 1982

			LEVIES OF		1070
- <u>DR.</u> -	Unidentified	1981	1980	1979	1978
Uncollected Taxes July 1, 1981:					
Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes		\$117,119.44 6,200.00	\$59,989.61 890.00 2,546.05	\$11,207.50 210.00	\$616.41
Taxes Committed to Collector:					
Property Taxes Land Use Change Tax	(370,001.99 1,244.00			
Added Taxes:					
Property Taxes Resident Taxes		1,881.60 590.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Overpayments:					
Property Taxes Resident Taxes		30.00	816.27		
Interest and Costs		2,628.26	4,585.67		
^o enalties		133.00	13.00	1.00	1.00
	\$	\$499,828.29	\$68,850.60	\$11,428.50	\$627.41
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Accounting Policy - The summary of warrants is prepared on the accrual basis

EXHIBIT 3 (Continued) TOWN OF CHESTER JOAN WATTS, TAX COLLECTOR SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1981 THRU APRIL 13, 1982

			LEVIES OF		
- <u>CR</u>	Unidentified	1 981	1 980	1979	1 978
Remittances to Treasurer:					
Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	\$	\$393,691.74 5,740.00	\$51,791.40 130.00 1,582.06	\$ 10.00	10.00
Land Use Change Tax Interest & Costs Penalties		1,244.00 2,628.26 133.00	4,585.67 13.00	1.00	1.00
Discounts Allowed		2,021.25			
Deeded to Town:					
Property Taxes			42.98		
Abatements:					
Property Taxes		1,868.15	164.81		·
Uncollected Taxes April 13, 1982:					
Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes		90,066.19 780.00	8,852.09 810.00 963.99	11,207.50 210.00	616.41
Cash on Hand - April 13, 1982:					•
Unidentified Receipts	4,987.89		-		
	\$4,987.89	\$498,172.59	\$68,936.00	\$11,428.50	\$627.41
Add Excess Debits:					
a/c Property Taxes a/c Resident Taxes		1,355.70 300.00			
Less Excess Credits:					
Unidentified Receipts	4,987.89		45.40		
a/c Resident Taxes	\$	\$499,828.29	40.00 \$68,850.60	\$11,428.50	\$627.41

Accounting Policy - The summary of warrants is prepared on the accrual basis

EXHIBIT 4 TOWN OF CHESTER JOAN WATTS, TAX COLLECTOR SUMMARY OF TAX SALE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1981 THRU APRIL 13, 1982

- DR	1 98 0	LEVIES OF	1 978
Unredeemed Taxes - July 1, 1981	\$	\$17,066.55	\$1,084.08
Taxes Sold to Town - July 27, 1981	31,997.41		
Interest & Cost After Sale	573.66	1,871.70	293.43
Tax Redemptions - a/c Other Purchases		669.37	
	\$32,571.07	\$19,607.62	\$1,377.51
- <u>CR</u> Remittances to Treasurer: Redemptions - a/c Town	\$13,385.71	\$ 8,175.83	\$ 987.28
Redemptions - a/c Other Purchases Interest and Cost	573.66	66 9.37 1,786.68	293.43
Unredeemed Taxes - April 13, 1982	18,411.70	7,911.18	96.80
	\$32,371.07	\$18,543.06	\$1,377.51
Add Excess Debits:			
<pre>a/c Redemptions a/c Interest</pre>	200.00	979.54 85.02	
	\$32,571.07	\$19,607.62	\$1,377.51

Accounting Policy - The summary of tax sale accounts is prepared on the accrual basis.

REPORT ON EXAMINATION

OF

BARBARA GAGNON - TAX COLLECTOR

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER, N.H.

FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 14, 1982 THRU APRIL 29, 1982

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Cloyd A. Brice

State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

61 South Spring Street PO Box 457 Concord, 03301

> MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE

> > LORRAINE F. RACETTE Assistant Director

May 4, 1982

Secure Decision

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Board of Selectmen Town of Chester Chester, New Hampshire 03036

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination and audit of the accounts of Barbara Gagnon, Tax Collector of the Town of Chester which was made by this Division under the provisions of RSA 41.42. This examination covered the period from April 14, 1982 through April 29, 1982.

The provisions of Chapter 71-a, Section 21, require that the auditor's summary of findings and recommendations (letter of transmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the Town. Publication of the Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We extend our thanks to the officials and employees of the Town of Chester for their assistance during the course of our audit.

.Respectfully submitted,

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION



Cloyd M. Price Commissioner

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE

LORRAINE F. RACETTE Assistant Director

AUDITOR'S OPINION

Board of Selectmen Town of Chester Chester, New Hampshire 03036

We have examined the summary of warrant and record of tax sale activity of Barbara Gagnon, Tax Collector of the Town of Chester for the period April 14, 1982 through April 29, 1982. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned summary schedules present fairly the activities of the Tax Collector of the Town of Chester for the period from April 14, 1982 through April 29, 1982 in accordance with RSA 41:35 of the Revised Statutes Annotated of the State of New Hampshire.

Municipal Services Division
Department of Revenue Administration

May 4, 1982

EXHIBIT I

TOWN OF CHESTER

Barbara Gagnon - Tax Collector

Summary of Warrants
For The Period April 14, 1982 Thru April 29, 1982

DR.	1981	Levie	s of 1979	1978
Uncollected Taxes - April 14, 1982: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	\$90,066.19 780.00	\$ 8,852.09 810.00 963.99	\$11,207.50 210.00	\$616.41
Added Taxes: Resident Taxes	10.00			
Interest and Costs Penalties	300.75 9.00	1.00		
	\$91,165.94	\$10,627.08	\$11,417.50	\$616.41
CR.				
Remittances to Treasurer: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Interest and Costs Penalties	\$ 5,108.40 90.00 300.75 9.00	\$ 10.00 1.00	\$	\$
Abatements: Property Taxes	246.67			
Uncollected Taxes - April 29, 1982: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	84,711.12	8,852.09 800.00 963.99	11,207.50 210.00	616.41
	\$91,165.94	\$10,627.08	\$11,417.50	\$616.41

Accounting Policy - The Summary of Warrants is prepared on the accrual basis.

EXHIBIT 2

TOWN OF CHESTER
Barbara Gagnon - Tax Collector
Summary of Tax Sale Accounts
For The Period April 14, 1982 Thru April 29, 1982

		Levies of	
DR.	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
Unredeemed Taxes - April 14, 1982	\$18,411.70	\$7,911.18	\$96.80
Interest and Costs After Sale		289.05	
	\$18,411.70	\$8,200.23	\$96.80
CR. Remittances to Treasurer: Redemptions Interest and Costs Unredeemed Taxes - April 29, 1982	\$ 18,411.70	\$1,163.14 289.05 6,748.04	\$ 96.80
	\$18,411.70	\$8,200.23	\$96.80
			

Accounting Policy - The Summary of Tax Sale Accounts is prepared on the accrual basis.

REPORT ON EXAMINATION

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JOAN WATTS - TAX COLLECTOR

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER

FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 30, 1982 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1982

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



Cloud A. Brice Commissioner

State of New Hampshire Bepartment of Revenue Administration 61 South Spring Street PO Box 457

Concord . 03301

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE

> LORRAINE F. RACETTE Assistant Director

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Board of Selectmen Town of Chester Town Office Chester, N. H. 03036

Dear Members of the Board:

Submitted herewith is the report of an examination of the accounts of Joan Watts, Tax Collector of the Town of Chester for the period April 30, 1982 through June 30, 1982. This examination was made by this division at your request under the provisions of RSA 41:36.

One of the enclosed audit reports must be given to the town clerk to be retained as part of the permanent town records.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstances.

CONCLUSION

The provisions of Chapter 71-A, Section 21, require that the auditor's summary of findings and recommendations (letter of tansmittal) shall be published in the next annual report of the town. Publication of Exhibits contained in this audit report is optional at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen. This letter, however, must be published in its entirety.

We wish to extend our thanks to the officials and employees of the Town of Chester for their assistance during the course of our audit.

> MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

July 2, 1982



Cloyd A. Price Commissioner

State of New Hampshire Bepartment of Revenue Administration 61 South Spring Street PO Box 457 Concord, 03301

MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION FREDERICK E. LAPLANTE Director

> LORRAINE F. RACETTE Assistant Director

AUDITOR'S OPINION

Board of Selectmen Town of Chester Town Office Chester, N. H. 03036

We have examined the Summary of Warrant and Summary of Tax Sale Account Activity of the Tax Collector of the Town of Chester for the period April 30, 1982 through June 30, 1982. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned summary schedules present fairly the activities of the Tax Collector of the Town of Chester for the period April 30, 1982 through June 30, 1982 in accordance with RSA 41:35 of the revised statute of the State of New Hampshire.

Municipal Services Division

Department of Revenue Administration

July 2, 1982

EXHIBIT 1

TOWN OF CHESTER Joan Watts - Tax Collector

Summary of Warrants
For The Period April 30, 1982 Thru June 30, 1982

			Levies of		
DR.	1982	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1978</u>
Uncollected Taxes - April 30, 1982: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	\$	\$84,711.12 700.00	\$ 8,852.09 800.00 963.99	\$11,207.50 210.00	\$616.41
Taxes Committed to Collector: Property Taxes	399,573.44				
Added Taxes: Property Taxes Resident Taxes	42.55	130.00			
Interest and Costs Penalties		6,809.52 25.00	1.00		
Overpayments: a/c Property Taxes	395.30	3,793.87			
	\$400,011.29	\$96,169.51	\$10,617.08	\$11,417.50	\$616.41

Accounting Policy - The Summary of Warrants is prepared on the accrual basis.

EXHIBIT 1 (Continued) TOWN OF CHESTER Joan Watts - Tax Collector Summary of Warrants

For The Period April 30, 1982 Thru June 30, 1982

	Levies of				
CR.	1982	1981	1980	<u>1979</u>	1978
Remittances to Treasurer: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Interest and Costs Penalties	\$247,448.57	\$82,688.29 250.00 6,809.52 25.00	\$ 10.00 1.00	\$	\$
Discounts Allowed	1,989.18				
Abatements: Property Taxes Resident Taxes	235.40	2,381.81 70.00	8,852.09	11,207.50	616.41
Deeded to Town	407.00	2,151.04			
Uncollected Taxes - June 30, 1982: Property Taxes Resident Taxes Yield Taxes	149,931.14	1,901.71 510.00	790.00 963.99	210.00	
	\$400,011.29	\$96,787.37	\$10,617.08	\$11,417.50	\$616.41
Less: Excess Credits a/c Property Taxes		617.86		-	
	\$400,011.29	\$96,169.51	\$10,617.08	\$11,417.50	\$616.41
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Accounting Policy - The Summary of Warrants is prepared on the accrual basis.

EXHIBIT 2

TOWN OF CHESTER Joan Watts - Tax Collector Summary of Tax Sale Accounts

For The Period April 30, 1982 Thru June 30, 1982

DR.	1981	Levi 1980	es of 1979	1978
	1701	1700	17.7	1570
Unredeemed Taxes - April 30, 1982	\$	\$18,411.70	\$6,748.04	\$ 96.80
Taxes Sold to Town - June 23, 1982	36,101.22			
Interest and Costs After Sale	20.06	269.32	1,427.31	273.97
	\$36,121.28	\$18,681.02	\$8,175.35	\$370.77
				
CR.				
Remittances to Treasurer: Redemptions Interest and Costs	\$ 1,305.38 20.06	\$ 2,1 26.04 269.32	\$4,170.47 1,427.31	\$ 82.42 273.97
Deeded to Town		2,139.84	1,241.12	
Unredeemed Taxes - June 30, 1982	34,795.84	14,145.82	1,336.45	14.38
	\$36,121.28	\$18,681.02	\$8,175.35	\$370.77
				

Accounting Policy - The Summary of Tax Sale Accounts is prepared on the accrual basis.

Detailed Statement of Payments

Town Officer's Salaries

Joan R. Watts, Tax Collector	\$ 2,046.50
Barbara L. Gagnon, Town Clerk	300.00
Ross Catizone, Auditor	40.00
Steve Ross, Auditor	40.00
John Kunelius, Auditor	40.00
Harold B. Bruhmuller, Selectmen	600.00
Percival M. Lowell, Jr., Selectmen	500.00
Albert W. Hamel, Selectman	500.00
Helen G. Tebo, Treasurer	300.00
Walter St. Clair, Moderator	40.00
	\$ 4,406.50

Town Officer's Expenses

Wheeler & Clark	97.40
Equity Publishing	116.25
N.H. Good Roads Assn.	10.00
Indian Head Bank	15.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks Assn.	12.00
Register of Probate	1.50
E.J. Howard, Register of Probate	1.00
J. Paris, Jr.	15.75
D. Winch, Jr.	8.00
B. Vaal	27.50
D. Coburn	31.25
F. Price, Jr.	20.50
K. Hatch	9.50
R. Lefevre	5.75
R. Lally	16.75
P. Bailey	8.75
A. Dupras, Jr.	5.75
	\$13 111 55

Elections & Registration Expenses

Ernest S. Edwards	\$	254.35
Contour Marketing		120.42
Jacob Bethune		113.00
Maurice Colman		93.80
Barbara Rice		37.00
Barbara Dolloff		37.00
Susan Downing		22.00
Marjorie Gould		37.00
Frank A. Wise, Jr.		30.00
Lois Lee Hall		309.50
Robert Healey		42.00
Armstrong Graphics		87.56
Sharon Carl		15.00
Walter St. Clair		20.00
Robert Nicoll		20.00
	\$1.	.238.63

Town Officers' Earned Fees

Joan R. Watts, Resident Tax fees	\$ 672.50
Joan R. Watts, Tax Sale fees	1,270.00
Joan R. Watts, Mtg. Search fees	566.00
Joan R. Watts, Redemption fees	255.53
Barbara L. Gagnon, Motor Vehicle fees	2,492.00
Barbara L. Gagnon, Dog License fees	157.50
	\$5.413.53

Town Hall and Other Buildings

Public Service Co.	\$	638.10
Granite State Telephone		610.59
Suburban Propane		242.54
Robert Healey		2,048.00
Ernest Edwards		799.84
Benson's Hardware		282.96
Al's Service Station		2,606.05
J.R. Pepper, Electric		551.50
Spolletts		83.63
Alfred Delorey		563.30
Montgomery Ward		89.99
Manchester Ladder		92.50
N.H. Water Supply & Pollution Control		4.00
A B C Heating		229.00
R. Bacon & Sons		68.00
Taylor Rental		14.30
C.A. Nadeau & Sons		203.30
Marjorie Conn		30.00
A.W. Hamel		13.40
W.W. Grainger, Inc.		107.14
	\$9	,278.14

Post Office Maintenance Expenses

Ernest S. Edwards	\$ 67.76
Robert Healey	8.00
Arthur Dolloff	370.00
A B C Heating Service	153.00
Frank A. Wise, Jr.	65.00
J.R. Pepper Electric	90.00
	\$753.76

Police Department

Alexander Castora	\$ 2,225.00
Gene Charron	1,360.00
Frank A. Wise, Jr.	11,323.58
Linda Child	1,664.00
Mack's Men's Shop	369.56
Neptune, Inc.	988.50
Spacetown Auto Body	843.79
Granite State Telephone	606.08
Al's Service Station	3,886.07
Edward O. Hatch	313.95
Heating Specialties	57.73
Harold W. Nason	51.68
MacDonald Associates	343.12

Perma-line Corp.	144.00
Best Decision Systems	268.00
Benson's Hardware	12.50
Richard Baron	125.00
Thom Sousa Signs	128.00
Treasurer, State of N.H.	68.63
Gorton Communications	118.00
Elizabeth Castora	42.00
Taft Business Machines	183.50
Richard Maple	40.00
State of N.H., M.V.	150.00
David Lincoln	72.00
Carlson Motor Sales	323.86
Town of Derry	452.00
Central Equipment	94.27
Jones Office Equipment	987.00
Thomas Robinson	60.00
	\$27,301.82

Police Cruiser

Carlson Motors	\$9,835.62
	\$9,835,62

Fire Department

Public Service Co. Granite State Telephone Al's Service Station Derry Auto Parts Conway Associates R.L. Service Inc. 2 Way Communications Service Manchester Oxygen Cen-Com Gibson Fire Apparatus Fire Chief Magazine Border Area Mutual Aid Assn. National Fire Protection Assn. Nugents, Inc. Strandell Power Equipment John Rossetti Tabor's Auto Parts Barrett Equipment R.C. Hazelton Co. Raymond Dolloff Pert Lowell Co.	\$ 553.56 876.96 3,323.15 222.06 2,535.38 1,726.09 312.30 113.40 341.91 5,861.25 18.00 74.00 60.00 23.56 20.00 41.55 19.65 119.25 7.90 65.75 458.00
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Larry Brown	32.67
Jack Cadieux	38.61
Frank Camillieri	11.55
Steve Child	56.83
John Colman	23.86
Charlotte Colman	16.83
Arthur Dolloff	12.87
Michael Finney	47.87
Dennis Jolicoeur	16.17
Mark Lowell	38.61
John Pepper	12.21
Lindsey Rice, Jr.	38.61
Lindsey Rice, Sr.	32.67
Scott St. Clair	54.45
Kevin Scott	8.91
Theodore Scott	38.61
Darrell Watkins	12.87
New Hampshire State Firemen's Assn.	200.00
State of N.H. M.V.	2.00
Edwards Fuel Pump and Carburetor	24.00
N.H. Fire Prevention Society	7.50
Jems	30.00
Kar Products, Inc.	110.31
Geoffrey Barnett	11.55
John F. Beeman	27.10
Sullivan Tire	633.92
Treas., State of N.H.	58.74
Raymond Dolloff, Forest Fire Warden	172.92
Colin Costine	5.00
Interstate Emergency Unit	10.00
	\$18,599.57

Planning and Zoning

Derry News	\$	541.11
Edith E. Holland		18.00
Fisher Print Shop		50.00
Linda Wickens		416.72
Frances Flanders		532.20
The Copy Shop, Inc.		65.00
Grinnell & Bureau		300.00
Armstrong Graphics		95.56
•	\$2	.018.59

Insurance

Clement Agency	\$	540.00
Curtis Insurance Agency	1	0,360.50
	\$10	.900.50

Civil Defense

Ernest S. Edwards

Beatrice Bodwell

Penn Culvert Co.

Robin Healey	\$40.00 \$40.00
Health Officer	
Darrell Quinn Clifton D. Holman	137.50 12.50 \$150.00
Vital Statistics	
Barbara L. Gagnon	\$50.00 \$50.00
Mental Health	
Mental Health Center for Southern New Hampshire	\$1,809.90 \$1 ,8 09.90
Disposal Area	
Dolloff Excavating Edwards Evans New Hampshire Fence Co. Benson's Hardware	\$ 12,000.00 1,587.91 325.00 40.98 \$13,953.89
Highway Department - Summer	,
Robert Healey Ralph Seavey Clarence Ware Donald Carey Albert Warren Barrett Paving James Towle, Sr. Ralph Drowne, Jr. Frank Howard Town of Sandown Derry Feed & Supply Derry Auto Parts, Inc. Michael Babin Brad Carey	\$ 181.20 8,883.60 6,078.30 2,388.00 5,000.00 11,192.29 3,268.00 3,031.10 655.20 207.00 25.18 24.50 333.00 40.00
Formand O. Falconnella	0400

24.00

352.80

1,057.72

Hans Akselson Nancy Ware	56.50 48.00 \$42,846.39
Highway Department - Winter	
Donald Carey Robert Healey Clarence Ware Brad Carey Ralph Drowne, Jr. Albert Warren Donald Snell Ralph Seavey Brian Healey International Salt Co. Michael Babin Ernest Edwards Arthur Dolloff Richard Lewis Dolloff Excavating James Towle, Jr. Eleanor West Ralph Drowne, Sr.	\$ 3,261.00 1,250.60 10,475.40 588.00 2,355.00 400.00 20.00 3,549.50 989.20 4,712.70 5,538.50 25.00 70.00 150.00 75.00 550.00 20.00 410.00 \$34,439.90
Town Road Aid	
Treasurer, State of N.H.	\$797.54 \$797.54
Street Lighting	
Public Service Co. Al's Service Station	\$1,470.77 1.00 \$1,471.77
Highway Department - General Expenses	
Public Service Co. Babin's Welding and Fabricating Ernest S. Edwards Derry Auto Parts, Inc. John E. Shaw Co. Louis E. Page, Inc. Al's Service Station R.C. Hazelton, Inc. M. Lowell & Sons	\$ 67.05 319.00 199.70 151.56 67.22 54.00 112.60 909.41 75.00

52.50 30.50

James Towle, Jr. Donald Carey

Chester Forest Products	\$ \$2 ,0	30 0 68 .	.00 . 54
Chester Public Library			
Chester Public Library		,500 500	
Old Age Assistance			
Treasurer, State of N.H.		,569 569	
Town Poor			
Town of Derry Spollett's General Store Rockingham County Community Action Program		300 411 740	.00
Memorial Day			
American Legion Post #108		6150 150	
Ambulance Service			
Derry Fire Department Ambulance Service	\$11 \$11 ,	,377 377	
Parks and Playgrounds			
Bradford Carey Karl Van Ledtje Chester Boy Scouts Troop #163			00.6 5.00
Cemeteries			
Al's Service Station Glenn Bethune Wayne Aramini Catherine Smith Debbie Smith Strandell Power Equipment Jacob Bethune Benson's Hardware Gary Aramini James Davis Walter St. Clair	\$ \$2 ,	483 49 345 349 735 42 161 56	9.00 9.00 9.00 9.00 9.00 1.10 9.00
0.0			

Damages and Legal Expenses

Larson & Pletcher	\$3,748.58 \$3,748.58
Animal Control	
Gary Britton Chester Leasing T.L. Inc. University of New Hampshire Neptune, Inc. Frank A. Wise, Jr. Steve Child Spollett's General Store Dorothy Cash	\$499.89 25.00 106.00 103.00 11.78 12.00 33.75 50.00 \$841.42
Crosssing Guard	
Dorothea Schott Albert P. Estes	\$592.95 687.59 \$1,280.54
Derry Visiting Nurse Association	
Derry Visiting Nurse Assn.	\$3,638.00 \$3,638.00
Southern N.H. Planning Commission	
Southern N.H. Planning Commission	\$703.85 \$703.85
Appraisals	
Donald W. Dollard	\$2,092.50 \$2,092.50
Conservation Commission	
N.H. Assn. of Conservation Commissions Barbara Rice Chester Conservation Commission	\$ 86.00 39.80 74.80 \$200.60
Building Inspector	
Fisher Print Shop Ralph Bacon Percival M. Lowell, Jr.	\$ 49.00 255.00 135.00 \$439.00

Taxes Bought by Town	
Joan R. Watts, Tax Collector	\$70,729.34 \$70,729.34
County Taxes	
Clarke R. Chandler, Treasurer	\$55,972.00 \$55,972.00
Trustees of Trust Funds	
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$3,000.00 \$3,000.00
Dog License Fees	
Treasurer, State of N.H.	\$140.00 \$140.00
Bond Debt - Post Office	
Derry Bank & Trust Co.	\$5,716.56 \$5,716.56
Temporary Loans	
Indian Head National Bank	\$200,000.00 \$200,000.00
Chester School District	

\$787,800.00 \$787,800.00			
Town Hall Lavatories			
3,625.00 3,500.00 375.00 \$7,500.00			

Interest

Clarke R. Chandler, Rockingham County Treasurer	\$138.01 \$138.01
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	
John and Peg Carter Michael Babin Fred and Diane West Agatha and Salvatore Sapienza Richard and Linda Ouellette George and Evelyn Carter Geraldine and Christine Gerry Estate of Evelyn Helig Edith C. Killam Lane Heirs Anne Learned Blanche Lessard Roger Mathes Carolyn Stannard Malcolm Stevens Gustave and Lillian Werner David Dwyer Alan Dupras Peter French Alfred and Lorraine Schommer John Garvey Robert Wood Fred Corbett Thomas Butterfield	\$ 7.64 92.01 11.46 6.66 18.50 100.35 163.67 204.48 413.61 47.08 68.36 93.34 352.74 55.60 50.84 36.58 134.74 628.24 228.20 78.24 109.61 1,351.44 16.04 16.95 \$4,286.38
Interest on Temporary Loans	
Indian Head National Bank	\$7,522.50 \$7,522.50
Capital Reserve	
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$5,000.00 \$5,000.00
Certificates of Deposit	
Helen G. Tebo, Treasurer Derry Bank & Trust Co.	\$350,000.00 200,000.00 \$550,000.00

Town Warrant The State of New Hampshire

The Polls will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Chester, N.H., in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in Said Chester on Tuesday, the tenth day of May next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on Articles #1 through #10. Propose to close polls at 7:00 P.M. After ballots are counted, adjourn meeting until Wednesday, May 11, 1983, at 7:00 P.M. Proposed that Articles #11 through #61 to be taken up at 7:00 P.M. Wednesday, May 11, 1983.

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by approving the following:

To amend Section 11.7 to read as follows:

Special Provisions - No septic tank or leach field may be located within a wetland or watershed area. (Submitted by Planning Board.)

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by approving the following:

To amend Section 4.2.6 to read as follows:

Commercial piggeries (Refer to 3.1.1 Section C-6) (Submitted by Planning Board.)

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Ordinance by approving the following:

To amend Section 4.2.7 to read as follows:

Junkyards (Refer to 3.1.1 Section C-7) (Submitted by Planning Board.)

Article 5. To see if the Town of Chester will establish zoning for Multiple Family Housing. (Submitted by Planning Board.)

Article 6. To see if the Town of Chester will create a Multiple Family Zone as follows: That area bounded 1500 feet on Wells Village Road, 1500 feet on Sandown Road and a line connecting the points on each road (comprising approximately twenty-five (25) acres.) (Submitted by Planning Board.)

- Article 7. To see if the Town of Chester will create a Multiple Family Zone as follows: That area bounded by N.H. Route 102 on the North, by Towle Road for a distance of 1200 feet on the West and by Shaker Heights Road and a line parallel to Towle Road and 1200 feet distant from N.H. Route 102 on the East and Southerly by a line 1200 feet distant from and parallel to N.H. Route 102 from Towle Road to the line extended from Shaker Heights Road (comprising approximately twenty-two (22) acres.) (If passed, this area will no longer be part of the Commercial Zone.) (Submitted by Planning Board.)
- **Article 8.** To see if the Town of Chester will adopt regulations for multiple family housing which regulations were posted, advertised and discussed in their final form on March 16, 1983. (Submitted by Planning Board.)
- Article 9. "Shall we adopt the Provisions of RSA 72:43-ffor the adjusted elderly exemptions from property tax? These Statutes provide for the following exemptions, based on assessed value, for qualified tax payers: for a person sixty-five (65) years of age up to seventy-five (75) years, ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars; for a person seventy-five (75) years of age to eighty (80) years, fifteen thousand (\$15,000.00) dollars; for a person eighty (80) years of age or older, twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five (5) years: own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by his spouse, they must have been married for at least five (5) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of less than ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars or if married, a combined net income of less than twelve thousand (\$12,000.00) dollars, and own net assets of thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) dollars or less, excluding the value of the person's residence."
- **Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote in favor of having the office of Town Clerk combined with the office of Tax Collector, thereby creating a new office of Town Clerk-Tax Collector to be held by one individual. Said individual shall be chosen by ballot at the next annual Town Meeting.
- **Article 11.** To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.
- **Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the maintenance of Stevens Memorial Hall and other Town Buildings.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$57,950.00 as may be necessary to defray Town Charges (T.C.) for the ensuing year. (See T.C. Budget figures)

- **Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,500.00 to cover the cost of insuring Town Buildings, Town Equipment and Town Employees.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.00 for the care of the Town Poor and its share of Old Age Assistance. (Town Poor \$5,000.00; O.A.A. \$7,000.00)
- **Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000.00 to defray the expenses of the Disposal Area.
- **Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700.00 to defray the expenses of the Solid Waste Implementation Plan Committee.
- **Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$589.30 for membership for one year in the TriCounty Solid Waste Management District.
- **Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 for the purchase of approximately 5 acres of land including standing timber with approximately 280' frontage on Route 102 from Mary E. Smart and Raymond Smart, Sr. for the purpose of expanding the Buffer Zone at the dump.
- **Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$938.70 to continue membership in the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission.
- **Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,000.00 to defray the expenses of the Police Department.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for the continuance of the School Crossing Guard Program at the intersection of Route 102 and Route 121 for the School Year 1983-84.
- **Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to defray the expenses of Animal Control.
- **Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to be put in the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a cruiser.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000.00 to be withdrawn from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, to defray the expenses of the Fire Department and equipment.

- **Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be withdrawn from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, to defray the expenses of Forest Fires, Fire Trails and equipment.
- **Article 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to be put in the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck.
- **Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 1954 Ford Fire Truck by sealed bids and to appropriate the proceeds toward the purchase of equipment for the Fire Department to be expended at the discretion of the Fire Chief.
- **Article 29.** To see if the Town will vote to establish regulations for the sale, distribution and use of unvented space heaters intended for use under the provisions of RSA 158:28, said regulations to be promulgated and enforced by the Chief of the Chester Volunteer Fire Department.
- **Article 30.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt smoke detector regulations promulgated by the Selectmen as an emergency regulation. Copies of the complete text of emergency regulations are available at the Town Clerk's Office.
- **Article 31.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,055.80, to defray the expenses of the Derry Fire Department Ambulance Service. (\$4,500.00 to be taken from Federal Revenue Sharing Fund, balance of \$7,555.80 to come from General Fund.)
- **Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$72,186.27 for the maintenance and improvement of Highways. (\$25,000.00 for Summer and \$27,500.00 for Winter-Supplemented by State Tax Money \$20,186.27.)
- **Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,055.29 for Class V Highways. (State Share \$5,265.47; Town Share \$789.82.)
- **Article 34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to defray the General Expenses of the Highway Department.
- **Article 35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,877.40 to aid in the support of the Center for Life Management (Mental Health Center.)
- **Article 36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,709.00 for membership for one year in the Derry Visiting Nurse Association.

- **Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 to defray the expenses of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- **Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to defray the expenses of the Building Inspector.
- **Article 39.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the support of the Chester Public Library.
- **Article 40.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for the maintenance and debt service of the Ruth Ray Property (Post Office.)
- Article 41. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to request an audit by the Municipal Services Division of the Department of Revenue Administration or employ a certified public accountant to examine the accounts of the Town at the close of each fiscal year. This action to become effective July 1, 1983, thus discontinuing the annual practice of electing Town Auditors as provided in RSA 41:32-a and this vote shall remain in full force and effect until changed by a vote of a subsequent Town Meeting.
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to engage the services of a certified public accountant and authorize the Selectmen to advertise for bids on such services.
- Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,750.00 to implement the "house numbering plan" as developed by the House Numbering Study Committee. (Detail of house numbering plan is included in the report of the House Numbering Study Committee contained elsewhere in the Town Report.)
- **Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be released from Revenue Sharing Fund for the recreation of Chester Senior Citizens. (By Petition.)
- Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be used to develop and improve recreational facilities and opportunities for the people of Chester. (By Petition.)
- **Article 46.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish a Parks and Recreation Commission, persuant to RSA 35B:1-7.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of modifying an entrance at Stevens Memorial Hall to allow Handicapped access. (By Petition.)

Article 48. To see if the people of the Town will vote to authorize the Chester Conservation Commission to manage Town Forests in accordance with the provisions of RSA 31:112, Section 2 and direct all proceeds accruing from the management of the Town Forests to be placed in a Town Forest Fund to be managed by said Commission and utilized for the management of the Town Forests. Expenditures for the Town Forests should be drawn from the Town Forest Fund based on an annual work plan submitted by the Commission to the Selectmen. The balance in the fund should be allowed to accumulate from year to year. (By Petition.)

Article 49. To see if the people of the Town of Chester will vote to authorize the Selectmen to increase the Town Forest to include land taken by Tax Deeds. In the North Woods: Formerly Parsons land (estimated 35 acres); Formerly Lodge land (estimated 14 acres); and Formerly Roberts land (estimated 30 acres.) In the South Woods: Formerly Rand land (estimated 23 acres) and Formerly Richards land (estimated 50 acres.) (By Petition.)

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of Library Trustees from three (3) to six (6) members.

Article 51. If the preceeding article is voted in the affirmative, to see if the Town will vote to elect two trustees for three years, one trustee for two years and one trustee for one year. Thereafter two trustees shall be elected each year to serve for three years.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Superior Court to obtain permission to amend the provisions and conditions of the wills and donations benefiting the Wilcomb Townsend Home Trust Fund to reflect current needs.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to sell a portion of Town property located to the rear and side of Tax Map 17 Parcel #8 owned by Gannon and to the rear of Tax Map 17 Parcel #9 owned by Bunnell. The total area to be 88,800 square feet, price to be established by agreement of two certified appraisers acceptable to Selectmen. All costs to be borne by buyers. (By Petition.)

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to confirm the vote of the 1979 Town Meeting which was that the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a board of five (5) trustees of the Edwards Mill property as permanent successor to the "Spirit of 76" Committee and that the assets and projects of the "Spirit of 76" Committee and its predecessors be transferred to the trustees of the Edwards Mill property accordingly.

Article 55. Do you approve of having two sessions for the Annual Town Meeting in this Town, the first session for choice of Town Officers elected by an Official ballot and other action required to be inserted on said Official ballot and the second session of a date set by the Selectmen, for the transaction of other business?

Article 56. To see if the Town will continue to authorize the Selectmen to allow a discount of 1% on all property taxes paid within ten days after receipt of tax bills.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction any real estate acquired by the Town at a Tax Collector's sale, provided however, that instead the Selectmen may reconvey such real estate to the taxpayer or his heirs and/or devisees at their discretion if they deem it advisable.

Article 58. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to make application for, to receive and to spend in the name of the Town, such advances, grants-in-aid, or other funds for Town purposes as may now, or hereafter be forthcoming from Federal, State, local or private agencies that would be of benefit to the Town.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus Town equipment at public auction or by sealed bids.

Article 60. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article 61. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen hundred and eighty-three.

Percival M. Lowell, Jr., Chairman Albert W. Hamel Malcolm R. Stone Selectmen of Chester

Budget of the Town of Chester, N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from July 1, 1983 to June 30, 1984

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Highways, Streets and Bridges: Town Maintenance General Highway Department Expenses Town Road Aid Street Lighting Rangeley Hill Road Deficit	Santitation: Solid Waste Disposal Land - Landfill Solid Waste Implementation Plan Land Purchase - Landfill TriCounty Solid Waste Management Dist.	Health: Health Department Ambulance Service Animal Control Vital Statistics Mental Health Center Derry Visiting Nurse Assn.	Welfare: General Assistance Town Poor	Culture and Recreation: Library Parks and Recreation

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Patriotic Purposes Conservation Commission Chester Senior Citizens Recreation Facilities	Debt Service: Principal and Interest on P.O. Note Interest Expense Tax Anticipation Notes 15,000.00	Capital Outlay: Police Cruiser Town Hall Lavatories Fire Truck Town Hall Vault Entrance Town Hall	Operating Transfers Out: Payments to Capital Reserve Funds Fire Truck Cruiser	Miscellaneous: Insurance 12,000.00	Totals \$230,077.09	Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)

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SOURCES OF REVENUE:	Estimated Revenue 1981 - 82	Actual Revenue 1981 - 82	Estimated Revenue 1982 - 83	Estimated Revenue 1983 - 84
Taxes:				
Resident Taxes National Bank Stock Taxes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,434.13	\$ 10,000.00 \$ 10,000.00 25.00 25.00	10,000.00
Yield Taxes Interest & Penalties on Taxes	3,000.00	1,581.56	2,000.00	2,000.00 5,000.00
Inventory Penalties		340.00	300.00	200.00
Meals and Rooms Tax	10,000.00	10,148.44	7,500.00	10,000.00
Interest and Dividends Tax	12,000.00	18,942.87	11,000.00	18,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	5,000.00	8,744.14	5,000.00	7,500.00
Highway Subsidy Town Road Aid	20,545.95	13,725.49	19,721.21 5,290.97	20,186.29 5,265.47
Other Reimbursements - Insurance		374.30		
Business Profits Tax Motor Vehicle Distrib.	25,000.00	31,800.00	20,000.00	2,500.00
Licenses and Permits:				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	48,000.00	63,867.00	48,000.00	50,000.00
Dog Licenses	2,300.00	1,441.49	00.009	1,000.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	200.00	8.00	10.00	10.00
Charges for Services:				
Building Inspector		1,180.00	1,500.00	1,200.00
Rent of Town Property	7,250.00	7,715.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Planning and Zoning	3,000.00	564.95	00:009	00:009

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15,000.00 2,000.00 2,000.00	18,000.00	\$185,895.95
Miscellaneous Revenues: Interest on Deposits Sale of Town Property Trust Funds Miscellaneous	Other Financing Sources: Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Revenue Sharing Fund	Total Revenues and Credits

Auditor's Statement

We the auditors, have examined the books of the treasurer, town clerk, Library, and Selectmen of the town of Chester, New Hampshire and have duly noted any errors or discrepancies for the fiscal year 1982.

Ross Catizone Auditor

Town Clerk's Report

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1982

Received:

Motor Vehicle Permits \$63,867.00

Dogs:

161 Males (including neutered)	\$729.90
129 Females (including spayed)	490.59
10 Group Licenses	162.00
Penalties	59.00

Total Dog Licenses paid to Town Treasurer	\$1,441.49
Paid to Town Treasurer for Filing Fees	8.00
Paid to Town Treasurer for Canine Control	25.00
Total Paid to the Town Treasurer	\$65,341.49

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara L. Gagnon Town Clerk

Schedule of Town Property As of June 30, 1982

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$	315,000.00
Furniture and Equipment		5,250.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings		135,700.00
Furniture and Equipment		80,000.00
Police Department Equipment		10,000.00
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings		60,000.00
Equipment		112,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings		10,000.00
Equipment		10,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds		40,000.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings, Equipment		1,110,000.00
All Lands and Buildings acquired through		
Tax Collector's deeds:		
Bessette M 1 L44		7,300.00
Bessette M 1 L44-1		4,800.00
Fraas M 5 L89		43,950.00
Russell M 9 L7		32,550.00
	5	\$1,976,550.00

Summary Inventory of Valuation 1982 Valuation

Land Buildings		\$17,178.790.00 24,100,400.00
Public Utilities - Electric		1,620,275.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes Travel Trailers	and _	232.975.00
Total Valuation Before		
Exemptions Allowed		\$43,132.440.00
Exemptions: Blind (2) Elderly (20) Solar and/or Windpower (8) School Dining Room, Domitory & Kitchen (1)	25,500.00 233,100.00 9,505.00 150,000.00	
Handicapped (1)	2,878.00	
Total Exemptions Allowed		420,983.00
New Valuation on Which		
Tax Rate is Computed	•	\$42,711.457.00

Treasurer's Report

7/1/81 to 6/30/82

Balance on Hand - 7/1/81			\$377,026.86
Receipts:			•
Selectmen		\$107,660.66	
Post Office Rent	\$7,500.00		
Town Hall Rent	215.00		
Timber Tax Bonds	1,669.00		
Pistol Permits	132.00		
Current Use Fees	24.00		
Building Permits	1,180.00		
Planning & Zoning	564.95		
Dividends	43.42		
Ambulance Reimbursement	807.15		
Insurance Claims Reimbursement	374.30		
Miscellaneous receipts	35.75		
Trustees of Tr. Fund (police car)	7,982.52		
Trustees of Tr. Fund (cemetery)	2,560.06		
Sale of Used Police Cruiser	705.00		
Refund of overdraft	316.96		
State of N.H.;			
Highway Subsidy	5,179.12		
Add'l Highway Subsidy	8,546.37		
Interest & Dividend Tax	18,942.87		
Bank Tax	8,744.14		
Business Profit Tax	31,800.17		
Rooms & Meals Tax	10,148.44		
Crossing Guard Reimbursement	102.98		
Fire Training Reimbursement	86 46		
Town Clerk		65,341.49	
Tax Collector		846,321.47	
Interest of Cert. of Deposits & Savings		40,040.18	
Revenue Sharing Funds (per Town Warrant)		18.000.00	
Certificates of Deposits		550,000.00	
Tax Anticipation Loan		200,000.00	
Voided Checks (issued 1980-81)		93.88	
Total Receipts		00.00	\$1.827.457.68
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Disbursements:			1000 101 11
Selectmen's Orders			1,939,461.44
Balance on Hand - 6/30/82			\$265,023.10
Cash Detail:			
Checkbook balance - 6/30/82	\$113,876.45		
Indian Head Savings Acct.	1,146.65		
Indian Head Cert. of Deposit	150,000.00		
	\$265,023.10		
	\$200,020.10		

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Helen G. Tebo, Treasurer Town of Chester, N.H.

Treasurer's Report Revenue Sharing Fund

7/1/81 to 6/30/82

Balance on Hand - 7/1/81			\$26,821.96
Savings Acct.	6,821.96		
Cert. #2204727	10,000.00		
Cert. #2200212	10,000.00		
Receipts			
U.S. Treasury	\$20,133.00		•
Interest on Certs.	2,856.32		
Interest on Savings	711.56		23,700.88
Disbursements			
Transferred to General Fund	\$18,000.00		
(as per Warrant)			(18,104.49)
1981 Bank Error corrected		104.49	
Balance on Hand - 6/30/82			\$32,418.35
Savings Acct	22,418.35		
Cert. # 2204727	10,000.00		

Helen G. Tebo, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report Dr. James F. Brown School Fund 7/1/81 to 6/30/82

Balance on Hand - 7/1/81 Savings Acct. Certificate	42.42 6,731.89	\$6,774.31
Receipts Interest on Certificate Interest on Savings First Financial Dividends	\$531.84 2.85 16.80	_. 551.49
Disbursements: There were no disbursements this year as interest has been left to accumulate for contemplated special project in the fiscal year 7/82 - 6/83.		
Balance on Hand - 7/1/82 Savings Acct.	62.07	\$7,325.80

Helen G. Tebo, Treasurer

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Highway Department Report

Winter Money:

Monies used to purchase salt, sand and plowing, salting and sanding of roads.

Summer Money:

Monies used to purchase M S 5 cold mix, sand, gravel and culverts.

Seven Miles of Roads Sealed

Roads mix put on the following roads:

1 1/10 miles on Candia Road, apron on the entrance of Poor Farm Road, Ledge Road, Crossroad, Webster Lane and East Derry Road. (All roads patched.)

Roads Graveled:

Clark Rd., Lane Rd., North Pond Rd., Harantis Lake Rd., Shattigee Rd., Cole Rd. Deep Hole Rd. Shepard Home Road and Hanson Rd. Shattigee Road rebuilding to Town line.

TRA Money:

Rebuilding and mix in place 5/10 mile of North Pond Rd. All gravel roads have been graded and raked four or five times, some of them more. Culverts put in on Lane Road, Rod and Gun Club Road and Hanson Road.

I would like to thank all who worked and supported the Highway Department.

Respectfully Submitted Clarence Ware Road Agent

Report of the Chester Highway Safety Committee

The Highway Safety Committee met 6 times between 1 July 1981 and 30 June 1982; the meetings were well publicized in the local newspaper, and on town bulletin boards. Crossing guards Dorothea Schott and Albert Estes continue to oversee the school children at the intersection of Rts 102/121; total safe crossings during the school year Sept 1981-June 1982 was 5808, which compares closely with the previous school year.

The number of motor vehicle accidents in Chester in 1982 was 30, the same number as in 1981, despite the "defensive driving" poster campaign, and the 3 cluster "Burma Shave" signs on Rt. 102, all urging caution, safe driving and anti-DWI. The analysis of motor vehicle accidents for the year indicates the same type reasons as in the past, poor driver judgement, reduced visibility without reduced speed, drowsiness and a lack of ability to cope with icy roads and slippery pavements. These are "common sense" items which can only be addressed by each operator. (Pupils of the Chester Elementary School gave ideas for the "Burma Shave" signs; many favorable comments were received, and photos of the signs were sent, at their request, to the N.H. Highway Safety Agency, for reproduction and distribution to the highway safety committees of other municipalities).

The 4th annual "bicycle safety clinic", conducted in May, showed an increase in the number of wheels registered, inspected and adjusted. To permit greater participation, the 1983 clinic will be held on a Saturday morning at the Chester school, and again in the afternoon, at the Chester Rod & Gun Club.

Several residents of Chester Street expressed concern with vehicular speeding on that street; the police department reacted immediately and firmly, issuing warnings to those who exceeded the posted Speed limits, with the result that excessive speed was no longer a problem. The police department will continue to carefully monitor travel on that street.

With the cooperation of the N.H. Dept. of Public Works & Highways, a number of improvements were made in the painting of crosswalks, providing parking along Rt 121 in front of the school, and reducing the speed limit to 20 MPH between the "officer on duty" signs, during the hours when the officers were actually escorting children.

Our goals for 1983 will be to continue to oversee vehicular travel in Chester, to continue to work toward less motor vehicle accidents, and to take whatever action is necessary to assure the safety of children in Chester.

Rep. Richardson D. Benton, Chairman Mark Lowell, Selectman Ronald Hilfiker, School Board Gene Charron, Lions Club Sharon Carl, Public Member Raymond I. Dolloff Jr., Fire Chief Frank Wise, Jr., Chief of Police Clarence Ware, Road Agent

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Report from the Library

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that this report is presented for you to read and study.

Inflation has been called the "Silent Thief." The library purchased 121 new books this year, this figure is down by one third of what is usually added to the collection. There were 4224 books borrowed by adults and 3429 borrowed by children. We have only a very small problem with lost books as compared to other libraries. Thank you all for making this an easy part of the job. About one hundred new patrons register each year for Library Cards and there are about that many moving away. I like meeting new people and getting them acquainted with the library. If you have a new neighbor bring them in. We can get talking books and large print books, let us know how we can help to get people and books together.

Two years have gone by since moving the library. It is the gift of the late Ruth N. Ray that made the new library possible. The cost of renovating her barn to house the books was well over one hundred thousand dollars, the payments are being made on a regular schedule. When the debt is paid off there will be more money in the book budget. Thanks should go to the people that donate a few new books from time to time from their own personal libraries, so that more readers can find the books they are looking for.

The "Friends of the Library" do many nice things for the library and for me personally. They provide the library with a membership to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. If you are planning to visit the museum stop at the Library to borrow the free admission tickets. We receive a monthly preview showing what special exhibitions are planned.

The friends plan and supervise the story hours that are held weekly in the summer and monthly the remaining time.

The library represents a blending of the talents and efforts of many people. The following persons, especially, are acknowledged with gratitude. Mrs. Melvin Balk, Mrs. Roy Shedd, Miss Dawn Alexander, Mrs. Barbara Gagnon, Mrs. Richard I. Spencer, Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Grosvenor, mr. Robert Crawford, Dr. & Mrs. Melvin Balk, and Mr. Alfred Delorey.

Books were donated in memory of the following people; Mr. Amos Tuck French Jr., Mr. S.L. French, Mrs. Gladys Owens, Mrs. Marion Gannon, and Mrs. Alma C. Bouldry.

Mr. Edward J. Murphy, Trustee of the Library for thirteen years and Chairman of the Board for most of that time passed away this year. He attended many meetings around the state to bring back information and to set into practice such things as he thought to be of benefit to the library for the Citizens of Chester. We all miss him very much.

The Library hours are Tuesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday 10 to 2 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Arlene Delorey, Librarian

Chester Public Library Treasurer's Report July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982

In account with the Chester Public Library

Recei	pts:
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Balance on Hand	\$28.76
Town Appropriation	5500.00
Stevens & Chase Fund	72.07
Mary E. Dodge Fund	498.67
Fines	305.65
Donations	96.95
Food Sales	172.80
Total Receipts	\$6674.90

Disbursements:

Salary, Librarian	\$4250.20
Books, Magazines, Newspapers	1907.55
Supplies	100.48
Postage	3.00
In Service Training	42.80
Granite State Telephone	130.03
Post Ofice Box Rent	34.00
Bindery	161.10
N.H. Library Association dues	31.00
Total Disbursements	\$6660.16

Balance on Hand	\$14.74
Cash Fines	\$93.58
Cash Postage	\$93.58

Respectfully Submitted Arlene Delorey Treasurer

Ruth Ray Fund Library

July 1, 1981 to June 30, 1982

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Balance from June 30, 1981	\$21,441.93
Receipts:	
Trustees of Trust Funds 2 yrs. (81 & 82)	42,982.65
Derry Bank & Trust, Int. Now Acct. & CD	884.99
Gift	100.00
	\$43,967.64
	\$65,409.57
Disbursements:	
Indian Head National Bank,	
1st payment on 10 yr. loan	\$15,075.00
Moody Morin, Bldg. costs	15,705.00
Public Service Co. of N.H.	487.15
Derry Bank & Trust, 89 day CD	5,000.00
Al's Service Station, 612 gal. furnace oil	679.10
Lois Hazelton, 37 Vacuumings	185.00
Robert Healey, Snow shoveling	20.00
Dolloff Excavating, Pea stone	65.00
Misc. Supplies	75.04
	\$37,291.29
Balance in Check Book on June 30	\$28,118.28
Derry Bank & Trust, CD	5,000.00
Total Assets	\$33,118.28

Lois B. Hazelton

Wilcomb-Townsend Home Trust Fund

July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982

These funds are available to help with fuel, food, medicines, etc. to persons age 65 or over in Town of Chester. Many people have not realized that these monies are to be used each year and that they originally came from funds left by Chester individuals many years ago for this purpose.

Monies on Hand July 1, 1981	\$4,869.20	
Received from Trust-January 1982	6,960.54	\$11,829.74
Monies Expended		
Fuel	672.04	
Rent	1,390.00	
Incidentals	20.00	
Returned to Trust Fund	3,735.75	5,817.79
On Hand June 30, 1982		\$6.011.95

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Monish Treasurer

Chester Conservation Commission Treasurer's Report 1981 - 1982

Balance July 1, 1981 \$567.98

Receipts:

Interest Earned 8/10/81 2.52
Interest Earned 7/6/82 25.64
Payment from Town 7/6/82 74.80

102.96

Payments:

Flowers for Town Hall 49.90

Balance on Hand 7/6/82 621.04

Respectfully submitted, Barbara J. Rice, Treasurer

Report of the Chester Conservation Commission 1982

The Town Forest was started during 1982. This was authorized by Article #31 in the 1981 Town Warrant.

We have spent considerable time locating boundaries.

The County Forestry Agent marked an estimated 10 acres for improvement thinning. This was totally a cordwood marking. The highest bidder was Wayne Towle @\$15.00 per cord. Ninety-seven cords were cut, and the operation is now completed. The money is in a special Forestry account and we hope to use it for surveying and road work.

The County Forester was pleased with the results and suggested that we continue thinning and improving the Forest.

The total estimated acreage in the present Town Forest is 143 acres. We would like to see more of town-owned land added to this Forest.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel B. Cole, Chairman
Chester Conservation Commission

Chester Conservation Commission Forest Maintenance Fund

Receipts

From selective cutting of hardwoods 97 Cords @ \$15.00 per cord Interest Balance on hand

\$1,455.00 22.43 \$1,477.43

March 10, 1983 Barbara J. Rice, Treasurer

Annual Report Center for Life Management

The Mental Health Center for Southern New Hampshire is now the Center for Life Management. The name change reflects the purpose and philosophy which guides the continued growth and development of the organization. The mission of the Center is to provide a resource for individuals and families experiencing problems in daily living.

The Center for Life Management now operates a 24-hour emergency response system; two outpatient clinics (Salem and Derry); inpatient psychiatric services; a partial hospitalization program; a substance abuse program; consultation to area schools, professionals and agencies; and a Family & Life Education program.

Our Salem branch office is located at 22 Main Street on the second floor of the Salem Professional Building. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Tuesday and Thursday evening until 9:00. Our Derry branch is located in the Medical Arts Building, Birch Street. Clinic hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 9:00.

The Windham Inn is located on Route 28, Windham. The Windham Inn is a program for individuals who have experienced long and/or severe emotional crises. They often must relearn the basic skills of daily living. The Windham Inn provides a supportive family atmosphere in which clients regain basic social, selfcare, communication and work skills. Productive employment is a primary goal of both staff and clients at the Windham Inn. Through daily classes in prevocational skills and a community based transitional employment program, Windham Inn clients gradually return to full-time work.

The following workshops/lectures were presented during 1982 to all towns in our catchment area:

Chance of a Lifetime

This program was designed for women between the ages of 40 and 55 who were concerned with issues such as changing roles, money/self-sufficiency, divorce/widowhood, menopause, work/career and adult children.

Ordinary Problems of Children

This was a six week workshop presented to parents to help them find alternative ways of managing such behaviors as jealousy, temper tantrums, thumb sucking, bedwetting, etc., which are often normal behaviors of young children.

Going Single

This was a six week series that dealt with what it means to be single while exploring the various myths, expectations and roles associated with the single state.

The Lost Pound-Examining the Social and Psychological Aspects of Weight Control

This six week program was designed to help the overweight adult examine the psychological and social aspects of weight control.

Couples Communication

This six week program was designed to increase a person's ability to communicate, negotiate, problem solve and resolve differences.

Anxiety Management

This program dealt with psychological and physiological symptoms of anxiety and ways to help you manage this "feeling of uneasiness."

Assertiveness Training

This was a six week series that explored ineffective as well as effective styles of communicating, listening and sharing feedback to help deal with everyday situations.

Parenting Adolescents

This six week series dealt with parent/child relationships and the turmoil of adolescent years.

"When Red and Green Turn Blue"

Exploring post holiday depression.

"Talking Teens"

A communication workshop for parents and teens.

"Saying Yes When You Want to Say No?"

Learn communicating styles to get what you want when you want it.

"The Gray Itch"

Dealing with the male mid-life crisis.

"I'm 18 and I Don't Know What I Want"

Exploring career options, social skills, decision making.

"Summer Survival with Kids"

Ideas for family fun and tranquility.

Also, a slide show was presented on services provided by the Center to all community residents of Chester, and a presentation on Substance Abuse was given at a PTO monthly meeting on 5/11/82.

Board of Selectmen's Report

Changes in the use of space within the Town Hall started last year and continued into this year. The planning and installation of new toilets on the first floor was the major item this year. This change necessitated the removal of the old vault and the planning for a new vault in the basement of the building. Discovery of structural defects in the Town Hall tower caused by water (roof leak) has necessitated research into the cause of the problems and into the best way to correct them.

During the year, a new hot water heater was installed in the basement; new emergency lights were mounted in each stairwell and in the main entry hallway; energy efficient fluorescent ceiling lights were installed on the first floor; the walls and and ceiling were cleaned and painted; and a new fire alarm/detection system was installed in the town complex buildings.

During this year also, action was taken to automate property tax card information in order to streamline the tax billing process.

A concerted effort was also made to gather, correlate and refine information in order to substantially update the Town Tax Maps.

Respectfully submitted, Chester Board of Selectmen

Percival M. Lowell, Jr., Chairman Albert W. Hamel Malcolm R. Stone

Representatives Report

While the state legislature met for only 15 days in the fall of 1982, primarily to deal with the apportionment of federal "block grant" funds, there were many other activities to engage in, and duties to be dischared at state, county and local levels.

Of a continuing nature at Concord was 4 years service as the Clerk of the N.H. Board of Claims, and reappointment to the same position for 1983/1984, and serving for the 5th time as a member of a delegation from New Hampshire which traveled to Arlington, Va, for the purpose of placing a "New Hampshire Medal" in the "Trophy Room" at Arlington National Cemetery, adjacent to the Tomb of the Unknowns. Also to plan the manufacture and dedication ceremony of a bronze plaque, in the State House in Concord on Veterans Day 1982, to 59 men of New Hampshire who had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor.

At the county level, the Rockingham convention of 83 representatives elected me to be Vice-Chairman for 1983/1984. I introduced and strongly supported the concept of scheduling Saturday or night time sessions of the Superior Court as Exeter as the quickest and most economical method of expediting the legal process and breaking the existing logjams, as compared to the expenditure of \$6 million dollars for the construction of a new courthouse. The concept is being studied.

In town I continued to serve, since July 1979, as the Chairman of the Chester Highway Safety Committee, and the members of the "House Numbering Study Committee" elected me to be the clerk of the committee.

It was a real pleasure to arrange for a much deserved commendation from the late Gov. Hugh Gallen of New Hampshire, for the ladies of the Fortnightly Club, for 75 years of outstanding service to Chester, and to set up an audience with the Governor for Miss Kristal Noyes of Chester, "Miss Rodeo-New Hampshire, prior to her departure to participate in national competition in Oklahoma City.

Plans for 1983 include the scheduling of the 5th annual "Band Concert on the Lawn", to be held at White Pines College on 20th July. Additionally, when the legislature is in session, I provide town and school district officials, and local residents as applicable, with copies of proposed legislation, with a request for their comments.

Though repetitious, it is still in order for me to repeat my word from the Town Report for 1974, "I cannot promise to do any more for you in this year than I've done in the past, but I certainly will promise to do not one bit less."

Richard D. Benton Representative

Report of the Planning Board for 1982

Approvals	1979	1980	1981	1982
Subdivision Lots	62	10	10	0

Fees Collected \$129.95

During the past fiscal year, the Planning Board developed and adopted new subdivision regulations in accordance with State law.

The Planning Board also addressed the need expressed by members of the community for permitting Multiple Family Housing in Chester. As a result, the Planning Board has proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance which would provide for Multiple Family Housing in Chester, create two zones for Multiple Family Housing, define the Requirements for the Multiple Family Housing Zones and authorize a Residential Site Plan Review for Multiple Family Housing. This work will be presented to the voters at the 1983 Town Meeting.

The Planning Board has met with representatives of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and other interested parties regarding a Master Plan and has started gathering statistics for use in the Master Plan and Capital

Improvement Plan.

For the upcoming year, the Planning Board will proceed towards adoption of a Non-residential Site Plan Review.

Further, the Planning Board will accelerate work on the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Plan. To accomplish these objectives, the Planning Board is hoping that citizens interested in the future of the Town will come forth and assist the Planning Board on the matters of the Master Plan and Capital Improvement Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Hyatt, Chairman
Fran Flanders, Sec/Alternate
Malcolm Stone, Selectmen Rep.
Ray Anderson
Denis Maloney
Leroy Noyes
Charles Ryan
John Spencer
Steve Landau, Alternate

Report of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission is an association of municipalities voluntarily organized and operating under the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, Chapter 36:45-53. The Commission's statutory responsibility is to prepare a coordinated development plan for the region and to encourage its cooperative realization through the advisory process.

Directed by representatives of the City of Manchester and the Towns of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Chester, Deerfield, Goffstown, Hooksett, Londonderry, New Boston, Raymond and Weare, the Commission's professional staff carries out the development of the technical elements of the plan.

The Commission's program is organized under regional, metropolitan transportation, and local technical assistance functions. Within these broad categories, individual tasks often vary on an annual basis according to the needs of the region and those of the Commission's participating communities.

In addition to reviewing detailed technical studies with appropriate area officials and agencies, staff reports on summaries of these and other timely planning items are covered in the Commission's quarterly newsletter "Project" which is widely distributed to approximately five hundred municipal officials and interested residents of the region.

Although several regional planning tasks were accomplished during the year, one stands out as a major achievement which can be directly attributed to the Commission's vigilance and its ability to act quickly and effectively on behalf of its member communities.

Due largely to the efforts of Chairman Ray F. Langer (Hooksett), Vice Chairman Donald M. Babin (Londonderry) and Commissioners Robert L. Wheeler (Goffstown) and John L. Sherburne (Deerfield), and the participation of the region's boards of selectmen, the State's Solid Waste Management Act was successfully ammended by the Special Session of the General Court in May, 1982. On July 22, the Tricounty Solid Waste Management District was formally organized and the District by-laws were adopted by the, ten participating towns in November. During 1983, the District will undertake the planning process which will ensure local compliance with the requirements of the new Act.

In connection with the annual update of the Metropolitan Manchester Transportation Planning Study, which serves as the basis for the approval of federal funding to support eligible highway, bridge and transit service improvements in the City of Manchester and the Towns of Auburn, Bedford, Goffstown, Hooksett, and Londonderry, the following studies have been completed since our last report to you:

- "Vehicle Travel Time, Metropolitan Manchester Planning Study Area" (November, 1981)
- "Land Use Update, Metropolitan Manchester Planning Study Area" (March, 1982)
- "MTA Contingency Plan for a Petroleum Shortage (April, 1982)
- "Analysis of 1980 Traffic Accidents, Metropolitan Manchester Planning Study Area" (June, 1982)
- "Short-Term Parking Study, Fiscal Year 1982, Central Business District, Manchester, N.H." (June, 1982);
- "Formulation of Transportation Control Measures for Carbon Monoxide Attainment in Manchester, N.H." (June, 1982), and
- "Transportation Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 1983" (September, 1982).

Local assistance services provided during the year included:

- Drafted revisions of proposed amendments to the Subdivision Regulations at the request of the Planning Board;
- Provided the Planning Board with the Commission's publication "A Community Addressing System" to assist with the development and implementation of a property numbering system for the Town;
- Provided the Town's solid waste study committee with municipal population projections and selected excerpts from the "State Solid Waste Management Plan";
- Met with the Selectmen, other Town officials and interested townspeople to offer Commission assistance with the local development of a master plan;
- Informed the Board of Selectmen of the availibility of Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Project funding;
- Advised the Board of Selectmen of the provisions of the State's new Solid Waste Management Act, and offered them an opportunity whereby the Town could achieve local compliance;

- Provided the members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Board of Selectmen and the Building Inspector with schedules of the Fall, 1982 Municipal Law Lecture Series:
- Provided the Board of Selectmen with information concerning the availability of funding under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant program;
- Obtained a copy of a land development suitability case study, prepared by the Harvard Graduate School of Design, for use by the Planning Board in the preparation of the master plan;
- Conducted on site inspections of several areas being considered by the Planning Board for possible re-zoning;
- Met with the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Board of Selectmen, and Town Counsel to review matters pertaining to zoning amendments to be considered by the May, 1983 Annual Town Meeting.

Chester's representatives on the Commission are:

Board of Commissioners: Mr. Mark Lowell

Mr. Charles F. Ryan, Jr.

Executive Committee: Mr. Charles F. Ryan, Jr.

Report of the Zoning Board

During 1982 there were 11 applications to the Board under the Chester Zoning By-Laws. Of these applications, 1 was continued from 1981 and was conditionally approved. Of the remaining 10, 2 were withdrawn, 5 were approved, 1 remanded to Town vote and granted with restrictions, 1 declared an illegal variance and 1 denied. \$250 in fees were collected.

Linda Wickens resigned as Secretary in September and was replaced by Deborah Healey. Connie Wiggin, Dave Graham, Nick Mathios and Bob Buelte continue as member of the Board.

Thanks to the vote of the Town last year, the ammendments to the Zoning Ordinance have precluded many small requests for variances which were time consuming and cost needless hearings and undue difficulties for applicants. Many "cloudy" issues were clarified and your Zoning Board of Adjustment will continue to strive to reflect your wishes and comply with the laws of the state while doing its best to be fair to all who come review of the Board.

Public meetings of the Board are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. Cases to be heard are advertised in the Derry News the first Thursday of each month. Public discussion of each case is always encouraged, as are other questions pertinent to issues which fall under the purview of the Board.

The cooperation and assistance of the Selectment and the Planning Board are appreciated. Plans for the future include work on the By-Laws to allow for a clearer definition of regulations and procedures to better enable the Board to meet its stated objectives.

J.H. Batjer, Chairman

Building Inspector's Report

July 1, 1982 - June 30, 1982

Permits Issued

New Homes	8
Renovations or Additions	17
New Buildings (barns, garages, etc.)	15
Pools	2
Chimney	1

Respectfully Submitted, Ralph R. Bacon Building Inspector

Police Department Report

In 1982 the Police Department has been upgraded by both manpower and equipment. All of the officers have been certified by the state, this means that they have all the required classroom hours put forward by the Police Standards and Training Council. There are two officers who have been certified by the state as radar operators, and also had two more officers that attended an Emergency Reaction Driver Training Program. This was held at Liberty Mutual in Hopkington, Mass. Some of the Equipment that was needed were uniforms that were uniform with one another. Also a much needed copy machine and a typewriter, which can be seen in the Town Hall at the Selectmen's office. We would like to inform all the new people in town of the telephone system used by the department. We have call forwarding, the system dials thru to Rockingham County Sheriff's Dept. The phone is answered by the Chief, his wife or Linda Child, if they do not pick it up within three rings, it dials thru so don't hang up-someone will answer unless the line is busy.

For those who read the Derry News the police department has been putting together a monthly log for your information.

We'd like to thank the townspeople of Chester for their never ending cooperation with the Police Department. We would also like to thank all the surrounding towns for their backing and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank A. Wise, Jr., Chief Chief

OFFICERS:
Frank A. Wise Jr., Chief
Gene Charron
Linda Child
Edward Dauphinais
George Gross
Dorothy Lee
Helen LoPresti
Tom Robinson

Robert Nicoll, Special Officer-Polls

Chester Fire Department Report

Total Calls Responded to in 1982

Mutual Aid		7	Motor Vehicle Accidents	s 10
Assist Ambulance		29	Motor Vehicle Fires	5
Fire Alarm Activation		30	Smoke in Buildings	3
Chester Church	4		Lost Person	4
Town Hall Complex	17		Service Calls	4
Chester School	8		Lightning Hit	1
Residence	1		Grass Fire	1
Wires Down		3	Brush Fire	2
Chimney Fires		15	Dump	1
Structure Fires		3	Stove Fire _	1
Miscellaneous Calls		4	Total 1982	124
Smoke Checks		1	Total 1981	83

The Chester Fire Department is made up of the following members:

Geoffrey Barnett John Bragdon	Martin Gesel Dennis Jolicoeur
Lawrence Brown	Dean Leighton
Douglas Boynton	Lynwood Leighton
William Boynton	Percival Lowell, Jr.
Jack Cadieux	John Pepper
Frank Camillieri	George Pinault
Richard Carlise	Darrell Quinn
Steven Child	Lindsey Rice, Jr.
Colin Costine	Lindsey Rice, Sr.
Charlotte Colman	Scott Rice
John Colman	John Rossetti
Alfred Delorey	Scott St. Clair
Arthur Dolloff	Kevin Scott
Raymond Dolloff, Jr.	Theodore Scott
Robert Dolloff	Dennis Strandell
Lawrence Downing	Robert Sweet
Michael Finney	Darrell Watkins
Brian Folsom	Richard Wiggin

This past year, the Fire Department has been working to set up specifications for a new attack truck. We will be happy to have this modern apparatus to help us protect our town.

Starting in 1983, the Chester Fire Department became a part of the Derry Dispatch System. This allows us better use of our Tone Alert Equipment. When the 3250 number is activated, the dispatcher gets the name of owner, road, type of fire and any landmarks available in the area. It is very important for the

caller to take the time to give this information so that the Fire Department will be able to help you. When our tone is sounded, members are alerted over their paging units and respond accordingly.

A committee is presently working on numbering the town. We feel this will aid us in responding in times of emergencies, your support in making this change will help us all.

We also hope that our townspeople will protect themselves by utilizing smoke detectors and having good home evacuation plans.

The "Age of The Wood Stove" is still causing many unnecessary problems because of poor maintainence by the home owner. We hope that people will be more aware of their responsibility in this area. The Fire Department has brushes that can be borrowed to clean chimneys. The Fire Department will give you as much help as possible so you will know what to do.

Our members are continuing with the training programs that are available. We have members trained in everything from First Aid to Radiological Monitoring.

We welcome people to come and visit the station any Tuesday night or Sunday morning.

The Chester Fire Department will be celebrating its 50th Birthday during the summer of 1984. Look for details of events in the local newspaper as they become available.

Thank you for your support when you were called upon to help us.

Respectfully submitted, Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr. Chief

First Aid Program

C.P.R. was incorporated into the 8th grade curriculum this year whereby students took the course at the Fire House during the month of January. It was a successful venture and we thank the teachers and school for their cooperation. Also, we would like to thank the P.T.O. for providing books and materials for their classes.

Adult classes for full courses and recertification were held throughout the year.

The annual Omellette Breakfast with your participation has enabled us to purchase visual aids in conjunction with the C.P.R. program. To date, approximately 1,000 people have

been trained in this skill. No pre requirements are necessary to take classes and we encourage you to call any of the instructors to express your interest in taking the course: Mary Jean Colburn, Barbara Dolloff, Sue Downing or Anne Sullivan.

Taking part in First Aid programs can be a rewarding experience. Your continued support toward the goals of C.P.R. and the annual fund raising Omellette Breakfast held in July is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara L. Dolloff

Report of Town Forest Wardens and State Forest Ranger

Forest fire prevention, our business, your business, good business! This slogan has been the motto of the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Fire Service since 1909 when the first forest fire laws were passed by the Legislature.

These laws set in place a cooperative forest fire protection program of State and local forest fire personnel that has, in the past 75 years, established New Hampshire as a leader in forest fire prevention and control. Our annual acreage loss to forest fires of one-half acre per fire is the best in the nation. This fire record has come about through the cooperative efforts of our state/town forest fire protection program. The state provides detection of fires, training for local forest fire wardens, low cost forest fire suppression equipment to local fire departments, and technical advice at the fire ground. Local governments provide the volunteer fire fighters who are appointed as wardens and deputy wardens and who respond quickly to suppress reported forest fires.

This program has resulted in a steady decline in annual acres lost to forest fires since 1910 when the average fire burned 33 acres compared to the modern day loss of one-half acre per fire.

Only by the continued cooperation of the State/towns and our entire citizenry can this record be maintained.

1982 Statistics			
	State	District	City/Town
No. of Fires	391	41	3
No. of Acres	1613/4	301/3	1 1/2

Kim Salamy, Forest Ranger Raymond Dolloff, Jr. Fire Warden

Chester Budget Advisory Committee Report 1983

The Budget Advisory Committee reviewed the proposed town budget in detail with the Selectmen.

The Committee is unanimous in its opinion that the Selectmen have done an excellent job of holding the budget down for the coming year. The "one time" appropriation of last year for the fire engine and town hall repair, being out of the budget this year, is obviously a great help in that regard.

There is one item in this year's proposed budget however, that the Committee feels is not a prudent use of town funds. That is the proposed residence numbering system. The Committee is unanimously in favor of the idea, but not of the method, and somewhat divided on whether or not town funds should be used for any private residence numbering plan.

Respectfully submitted, Stephen A. Bergeron Robert Dolloff Leonard Gallant Janet Larkin Richard I. Spencer, Chairman

Great Hill Cemetery

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Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1982	\$737.49
Received from sale of lots	1,125.00
Received from burials	450.00
Received from use of generator	10.00
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Expenditures:

	\$862.76
Insurance on Buildings & Equipment	124.00
Paid for mowing supplies, parts	290.76
Paid for Burials	400.00
Paid 1982 Bonding	\$48.00

Balance on hand June 30, 1982 \$1,459.73

Savings Account Balance June 30, 1982:

Indian Head Bank, Derry	\$9,713.68
Derry Bank & Trust	1,738.19
,	\$11,451,87

Respectfully Submitted, Maurice G. Colman Treasurer

Cash on hand July 1, 1981

Village Cemeteries Trustees Report

Expenditures:	
Labor, mowing, etc.	1,438.25
Equipment	936.47
Supplies	185.34
Total Expenditures	2,560.06
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds	2,560.06
Cash on hand, June 30, 1982	\$0,000.00

\$0.000.00

Note: We are having an extremely difficult time finding people to maintain the North Chester and Sanborn Cemeteries. If you know of someone who would be interested in taking care of either one (or both) please ask them to contact the Cemetery Trustees. They should have, and be willing to use their own equipment. They would, of course, be compensated accordingly.

For the Trustees, Walter St. Clair, Clerk

Rockingham County Community Action Program, Inc.

Community Services

Over 3,000 Rockingham County households are experiencing financial hardships serious enough to leave them without the means to provide the basic necessities. Whether due to age, infirmity, the lack of employment opportunities or family separation, these individuals and families are forced to seek outside assistance to meet their most essential needs. Community Action's outreach centers act as area-wide resource facilities to which the poor can turn to obtain information, support and direct assistance.

Fuel Assistance Program

The Fuel Association Program is designed to assist low-income residents of Rockingham County in meeting the ever-rising cost of energy. Under this year's program, eligible households are able to have fuel and utility bills paid and/or to have a line of credit set up with their fuel dealer for future deliveries. Eligible renters whose fuel is included in their rent will have the energy portion of their rent paid.

Households with income at or below 125% of the Poverty Guidelines and who are vulnerable to the rising cost of energy are eligible for assistance. The program is operated by the fuel assistance staff located at the Community Action Outreach Offices in Portsmouth, Salem and Raymond.

Weatherization Program

The Weatherization Program is designed to assist low income households to reduce energy waste, thereby conserving heating fuel and saving money. Eligibility is determined by gross income and family size, in accordance with the 125% poverty income guidelines established by the Federal Government. Proof of income for the previous 90 days must accompany a request for services.

Weatherization work includes replacing broken glass, weatherstripping doors and windows, oil burner clean-outs and efficiency tests, insulating attics, walls and perimeters, installing storm windows and doors, wrapping hot water heaters and pipes, skirting mobile homes, and sealing or patching roofs. A maximum of \$560.00 in materials may be spent per home; the work necessary is determined by a Weatherization Program Energy Auditor.

Since the Program began in 1977, over 1500 income-eligible households have been effectively weatherized in Rockingham County. Over half of these households are elderly. The average fuel savings per household, after weatherization, is approximately 25%.

In addition to Weatherization, Rockingham County Community Action Program sponsors a Heat Source Repair Program (when a heating unit needs more than a clean-out), and a Home Repair Program (including work beyond the scope of weatherization, such as roof repairs, foundation repairs, and minor structural repairs-it does not include steps, railings, inside non-structural work, or anything cosmetic). To be eligible for Heat Source Repair or Home Repair, a client must first be weatherized.

Head Start

The Rockingham County Head Start Program is a comprehensive child development program which serves 105 children and their families. Children enrolled in the program are between the ages of 4-6. The Head Start centers are located in Exeter (serving: Exeter and Newfields), Epping (serving: Epping, Raymond, Fremont and Brentwood), Derry (serving: Derry and Londonderry), and Portsmouth (serving: Portsmouth and Greenland).

The program is federally funded through the office of Health and Human Services and is sponsored by the Rockingham County Community Action Program. Families whose income meets the federal poverty guildelines and families having children with special needs are eligible to participate.

The program is composed of six component areas: education, health social services, parent involvement, nutrition and mental health. Each of these components is integrated into the daily activities to form a comprehensive approach to providing services to children and families.

Day Care Program

Rockingham Family Day Care is a network of licensed Family Day Care homes throughout Rockingham County. All providers participate in the USDA, Child Care Food Program sponsored by the Rockingham County Community Action Program, Inc.

Every Family Day Care provider is supervised by the Program Director to insure adequate nutrition and quality Day Care. The Program Director works directly with the provider, providing consultation on Nutrition, Family Day Care Information and Social Service Information. Families are made aware of available services through each Day Care provider in their community.

All homes operate independently. Parents discuss daily schedules, fees and daily nutrition directly with the Family Day Care provider. Rockingham Family Day Care, offers referrals and support to all parents regarding Day Care Services in Rockingham County.

W.I.C. Program

The Women, Infants, and Children Supplemental Food Program (WIC) offers supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and health care referral to eligible pregnant women, nursing mothers, infants, and children up to age five who are at either medical or nutritional risk.

Individuals who meet these criteria and whose household income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible to participate in the WIC Program.

The WIC program's emphasis on nutrition education provides participants not only with the specific foods needed for adequate growth and health but also basic information about nutrition during pregnancy, lactation and the first four years of life.

Rockingham County Community Action Program, Inc.

Services Provided to Chester Residents During our Last Fiscal Year

Program	Number of Families Served	Dollar Value of Services Rendered
Fuel Assistance	20	\$10,439.00
Weatherization	2	1,559.00
Family Day Care	1	449.00
Center Services	97	402
TOTALS	\$12,849.00	
PERCENT (area)	.02	
PERCENT (county)	.005	

Edwards Mill Trustees Treasurer's Report

Cash Beginning Balance July 1981		* * * * * * * * * *
Special Savings		\$4,173.00
Regular Savings		621.50
Checking Account		135.33
		4,929.83
Expenses:		
Public Service	18.75	
Raymond Hardware	23.00	
Insurance	25.00	66.75
Income:		
Donations	39.00	
Items Sold	18.24	
Bank Interest	740.49	797.73
Ending Balance June, 1982		
Special Savings		4,810.46
Regular Savings		718.22
Checking Account		132.13
Total Funds Available June 1982		\$5,660.81

Respectfully submitted, Leonard A. Gallant, Treasurer

Edward Mill Trustees 1983 Town Report

A major project of the Edwards Mill Trustees has been to straighten out the problems at North Pond, an eight-acre section of which is owned by the town. The old stone and earth dam was in poor shape and had been listed by the State Water Resources Board as "destroyed" as far back as 1973. The situation increased in priority because the beavers were constantly "repairing" the dam very effectively, causing excessive water back-up. We therefore had to start from scratch with abutters, Selectmen, Road Agent and two state agencies to secure approvals and permits to reconstruct a control feature in the dam. With all necessary permits finally in hand and through the efforts of the selectmen, controlling the beaver population, we then battled cold weather to construct the major abutments and insert planks to control the water level. More work will be required to complete this project when weather conditions permit.

Work on the big dam at Edwards Mill produced limited results and the water level was held well enough to permit the ice to freeze enough for safe skating. More work is planned to fix the age-old leak under the dam. We have more preliminary contact to secure a crane to remove the large rocks at the base of the dam to allow permanent repair. The crane may also be used to remove the remaining large pieces of the steam pump from the building at Portsmouth and also do some work for the fire department at North Pond. We hope to finalize these arrangements so that water level and weather conditions will coincide with the availability of the crane.

A brief financial summary follows this report.

Respectfully submitted for the Trustees J.H. Batjer, Chairman J.W. Towle, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Project Director

Report of the House Numbering Study Committee

The "House Numbering Study Committee" was established by the 1982 Town Meeting, for the purpose of determining if Chester and its residents would be more promptly served by emergency services (fire, ambulance, police, etc.), and by government and commercial activities, if a house numbering system was to take the place of the RFD and box number system now in use.

During the summer of 1982 the committee acquired information from 6 nearby communities, using a house numbering system, and secured the recommendations of the Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, so that in the fall it became a simple matter of discussion and sorting out the procedures, and using parts of the procedures that appeared to have the best merits.

The committee was unanimous that the advantages of adopting such a numbering system was in the best interests of all concerned. To eliminate confusion, it was agreed by the committee that Chester Street (Rt. 121) would start at Rt 102 and be continuous to the Chester/Auburn town line; Haverhill Road (Rt. 121) would start at Rt. 102 and continue to the Chester/Derry town line, and Sandown Road (Rt. 121A) would start at the junction of Rts. 121/121A and continue to the Chester/Sandown town line. It was further agreed that the location of the front door of a residence would determine upon which road a residence was located.

Committee members Charlotte Colman, John Colman, and Frank Wise made the most of the good fall weather by measuring and marking off 50' increments on 23 of 43 town roads and streets. As soon as weather permits, they will resume this procedure, until all measuring and marking is completed.

It is contemplated that after the measuring and marking is completed, this committee will assign house numbers to existing houses, and to those to be complete prior to 1984. After 1 Jan. 1984, the study committee will cease to exist, and will be replaced by a permanent "House Numbering Committee", consisting of the Building Inspector, a member of the Fire Department, a member of the Police Dept, and a member of the Planning Board. The new committee will take over the function of issuing house numbers, and keeping the town tax maps updated, with the number of each residence annotated thereon.

To assure uniformity in the size, color, type, etc. of the house numbers, the town will provide the numbers, free of charge until 1 Jan 1984; after that date there will be a charge to property owners for numbers for new homes, and for replacement for house numbers.

The Selectmen of Chester will promulgate an ordinance to enforce the usage of the house numbers, and specify their location, so as to assure maximum visibility from the road or street.

The committee hopes that the town meeting will accept the article in the town warrant, pertinent to "house numbering", so that the committee can accomplish its task of providing a more efficient locator system in Chester.

John Colman, Chairman Rep. Richardson D. Benton, Clerk Frank Wise Jr., Chief of Police Herbert McFarland, Postmaster of Chester Charlotte Colman, Fire Department Leroy Noyes, Planning Board

Derry Visiting Nurse Association

The Derry Visiting Nurse Association has proudly served the Town of Chester since 1970. The following and many other factors combine to continually demand that this agency be effective and flexible in responding to your community's home health care needs:

a rapidly growing population earlier hospital discharges longer life spans and an aging population escalating costs of institutional care increasing emphasis on prevention New Hampshire tradition of self reliance

The Derry Visiting Nurse Association has a long proven record of serving participating communities with professional excellence and human caring. Services are offered under four major program areas as follows:

Care of Sick Program

Nursing Visits
Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Home Health Aide Visits

Homemaking Program

Homemaker Visits

Parent Child Health Program

Well Child Clinics and Followup Visits Immunization Clinics Expectant Parents Classes New Born Visits

Adult Health Promotion Program

Screening and Followup Clinics Health Education Adult Health Home Visits

We are happy that home health care costs have been increasing at a much lower rate than institutional health care costs. One of the major factors in our increased costs is maintaining certification for reimbursement from Federal sources such as Medicare, block grants and Title XX. Those Federal funds, combined with specific grants, and State funding, allowed this to provide services to residents of Chester last fiscal year with a total value of approximately \$15,000. We feel this is appropriate utilization of agency resources.

Federal funds and grants usually are restricted to specific categories of illness, age income and time periods. Many people needing our services simply do not fit those specific elegibility categories. So, it is important to emphasize that Town appropriations assist the agency to service people who do not fit those specific categories.

Following are some major statistics for Chester for last fiscal year:

	1981-1982
Skilled Nursing - Home Visits	277
Physical Therapy Visits	52
Occupational Therapy	10
Home Health Aide Visits	13
Homemaker Hours	210
Clinic and Office contacts	114
Well Child Clinic contacts & Home Visits	77
Expectant Parent Class contacts	14

It is impossible to translate the above services into human values, but our clients and their families can testify to the meaning of home health care in their lives. The entire agency has a strong commitment to helping the elderly, the sick and the handicapped maintain their independence and dignity at home as long as is feasible. The agency's new motto is, "Because home is a better place to be." 1983 is the 75th Anniversary for the agency.

Chester representatives on the Board of Directors are Theresa Strack, Helen Tebo and Dianne Walsh.

Health Officer's Report

Duties as Health Officer for the 1982 year have included the following:

- 2 Kindergarten inspection
- 2 Foster home inspection
- 1 Site inspection for public water contamination
- 2 Site inspection for nuisance complaint, non-septic
- 6 Site inspection regarding faulty septic system
- 4 Site inspection of existing septic system replacement
- 1 Inspection of premises for unsanitary and hazardous conditions; court activity continuing
- 1 Participation in Civil Defense Seminar
- 2 Participation in New Hampshire Health Officers Conference

Respectfully submitted, Darrell F. Quinn Health Officer Town of Chester, N.H.

Vital Statistics

The following is a list of vital statistics for the year 1982. As this list is a record only of statistics reported to this office, it does not neccessarily constitute a complete listing of actual events.

Residents requiring copies of vital statistics are advised that they now must be obtained at the town or city of occurrence, not neccessarily of residence, and the request must be in writing, giving name of person requesting same, relationship, and purpose of the request. A \$3.00 fee is charged for each copy in New Hampshire.

With this in mind those requiring copies are advised not to delay the request until the last minute as the record could possibly be in a distant town or city, or another state. Inquiries must be made directly to the Town Clerk where the event took place.

Barbara L. Gagnon Chester Town Clerk





To Report A Fire - Dial 3250 Emergency Phone Only

Fire House - Non-emergency dial 3878

Permits required for ALL open fires. Arrangements for permits may be obtained by calling:

Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr. or 887-3809

Steve Child 887-4741

Police - Dial 3229

Town Facilities

Disposal Area, Route 102 Library

Winter: Saturday: Noon-4 p.m.

Sunday: Noon-4 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Summer: Saturday: 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday: Noon-4 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Church Services

Congregational Baptist Church: Service - Sunday, 11:00 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Marnette O'Brien, Pastor

Catholic Services: Saturday evening, 5:30 p.m.

(St. Paul's Parish - Candia, N.H.)

Father Charles DesRuisseaux, Pastor

Fellowship Bible Church of Chester:

Services - Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Loren Murray, Pastor

Medical

Derry Area Ambulance Service - 432-2556

Hospital - Alexander Eastman, Derry, NH - 432-2533

Poison Center-Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, NH - 643-4000

Derry Visiting Nurse Association - 432-7776

Meetings

Town Meeting - 2nd Tuesday in May - Town Hall **Selectmen Meetings -** Every Monday Night at 7:00 p.m. Town Hall. Phone **887-4979**

Town Clerk & Tax Collector -

Monday through Friday - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday evening - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Phone **887-3636**

Fire Meeting - 1st Tuesday of Month - Firehouse

Board of Adjustment- 3rd Wednesday of Month-Town Hall 7:30 P.M. **Planning Board-** 1st & 3rd Wednesday of Month-Town Hall 7:30 P.M.